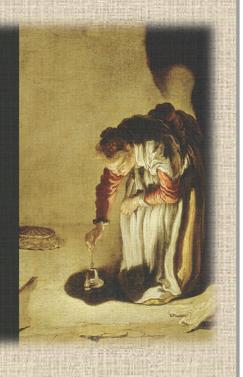
SEPTEMBER 11TH 2022

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of Remembrance & Healing

I have found the coin that I had lost

LUKE 15:9



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Thank you to all serving in worship today:

Reader: Corinne Rhodes

Altar Guild: Clare B., Marliegh & Ruth B.

We welcome you to worship with us. Everything you need to follow along is in this bulletin.
The hymns for today's service are in the ELW Red Hymnal located in the seating areas.
Please record attendance & communion with our connection cards. Thank you for joining us.

GATHERING

Worship is the work of God's people. We worship in response to God's love and care for us. We remember the sacrifice given for us on the cross so that we may know mercy, love, and grace.

WELCOME Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE Lord, Speak to Me, that I may Speak arr. by Alice Jordan

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our Creator, we come before you...Merciful and Forgiving God,

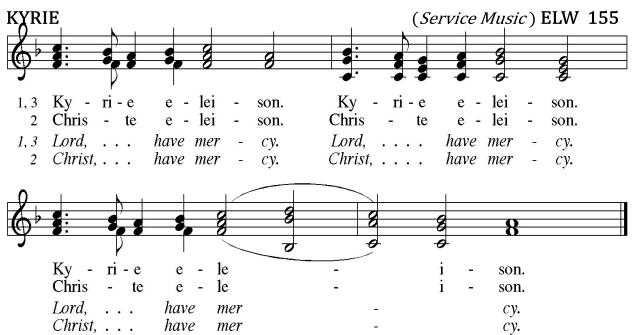
We acknowledge that we are not perfect. We turn away from you and we do not always follow your path. We are not always patient, or kind to our neighbors. We seek your will and we ask that you have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have not done and for the things we have done which have hurt others. Renew our courage and strength so that we do not lose heart in following you. Lead us and refresh us so that you may show us a new vision for loving one another and for our ministry together. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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APOSTILIC GREETING





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

We believe that the Spirit can speak to our hearts in many ways. God works in and through both the read and spoken word of God.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.

Please be seated

SECOND READING: : 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though

I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. The fifteenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create Me in A Clean Heart

by Allen Pote



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OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need.

Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

TIME FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING

During this time for healing and anointing, all invited to come forward as you are able for brief prayer with Pastor Althea and anointing with oil. Do not feel rushed. If you are unable to come forward, please alert the usher.

Pastor will anoint you as you are seated.

MEDITATION

Please meditate or pray quietly at your seat while others receive prayers in the front of the church. When all who wish to have prayer and anointing have come forward and then are seated again the service will continue below.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, all respond after phrase: God of grace, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

God reminds us of his faithfulness to us in Holy Communion.

We are given a tangible sign of God's promises of forgiveness and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIING

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

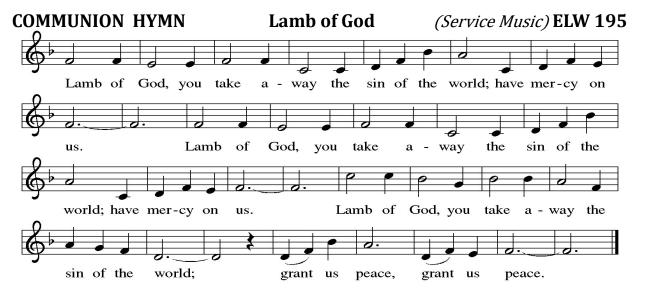
Starting today we are having communion at the rail by the altar.

Choir will be communed first, followed by the congregation as you are able.

Pastor Althea will come out to commune anyone unable

to come forward.

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



SENDING

We are blessed to remind us that God goes with us into the world.

Jesus said he will never leave or forsake us.

God is with us always even when we face earthly challenges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak

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POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

by William Walond

Please be seated, take this time to reflect and meditate in prayer

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live as beloved children of God! Thanks be to God.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

September 11, 2022 - September 18, 2022

Sunday September 11, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Word
10:15 am Liturgical Word
Service of Remembrance & Healing
Following our liturgical worship:



Sneak Peek YARD SALE

4:00 pm AA Group

Monday September 12, 2022

9 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm AA Group

Tuesday September 13, 2022

9 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm NA Meeting

Wednesday September 14, 2022

9 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm NA Meeting Thursday September 15, 2022 9 am - 11:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

Friday September 16, 2022

10:30 am Grace Stitchers 7:30 pm AA Meeting

Saturday September 17, 2022

BAKE SALE 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(Rain or Shine)

All proceeds for bake sale and church items sold will benefit our church ministries

Sunday September 18, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Word 10:15 am Liturgical Word 4:00 pm AA Group

DEDICATIONS

The sanctuary flowers for today's service are dedicated by Bettie Cross, In loving memory of my husband Bob for his heavenly birthday.

The bulletins are dedicated by Mike & Sandy Piskun, In loving memory of our Mom & Grandmother.

The wine for today's service is dedicated anonymously,

To honor God and all Kis blessings. F

We dedicate today's service to all those affected by the events of 9/11/2001, and those who lost their lives and health due to this American tragedy. May God bless America and bring peace to our country as we learn to heal.