

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Birthday: Lois Frederick – 97 on September 19th

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

- Today: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Lutheranism 101 11:00 a.m. (Classroom 3)
Grief Share 12:30 p.m. (Church Conference)
- Monday: Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Youth Room)
Elders 6:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
- Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft Room)
Ladies Aid 12:00 p.m. (see news & notes)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
- Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
Midweek Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
Trustees 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Bible Study
Lutheranism 101 11:00 a.m. (Classroom 3)
Grief Share 12:30 p.m. (Church Conference)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher: Rev. Michael P. Speckhard
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Choir: Mixed Choir
Acolytes: Luca Cicinelli (5:00pm)
Anna Gardner (9:30am)
Videographer: Landon Sherry

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord’s Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“God Himself Has Found You”

September 13 & 14, 2025

† Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Introit *Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*

and you have | healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*

you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,*

and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Service continues with Kyrie on page 186*

Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-24*

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with

your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. 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 trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1-10*

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his 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 coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when 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 before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 3

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

G Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN: **#609** (choirs sings v. #4)

SERMON

Text: Luke 15:1-10

Theme: **“God Himself Has Found**

You”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G Hear our prayer.

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