

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 11, 2022 8:00 a.m.

#### As We Gather

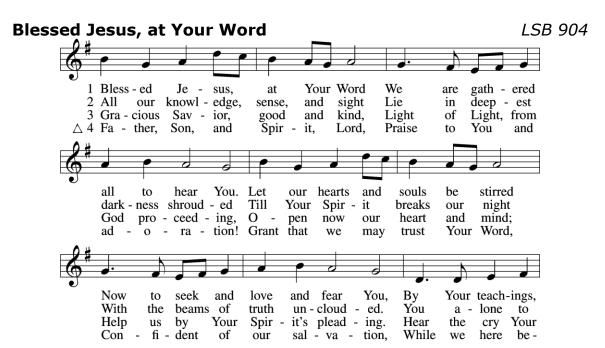
Although there are important times for silence in worship, the hearing of God's Word is central to the worship service. The reading of the Word becomes a focus for our growing in faith. From earliest times, God has directed His people to read His Word. In Exodus, it is recorded that Moses "took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people" (Exodus 24:7). In the Collect for "Grace to receive the Word," we pray that we may hear the Holy Scriptures and, most importantly, "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them" (LSB, p. 308). We have that grace-filled opportunity once again. May we take full advantage of it to the glory of God!

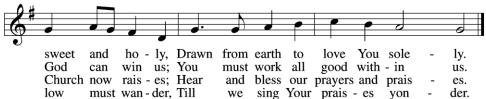
#### **Preservice Music**

### **Ringing of the Bells**

## **Welcome and Greeting**

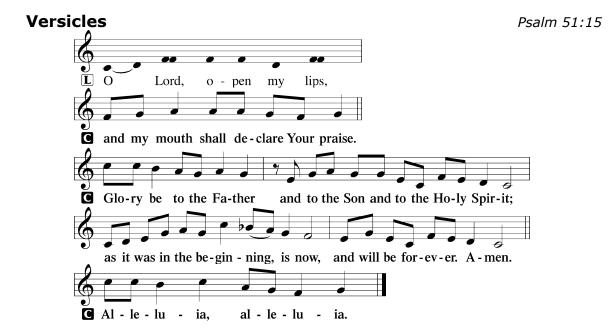
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# **Psalmody**

## **Antiphon**



Venite Psalm 95:1–7





**Antiphon** 



Please be seated

# **Readings from Holy Scriptures**

### **Old Testament**

Ezekiel 34:11-24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I 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.

<sup>17</sup>"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is 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? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle**

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But 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. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

### There is an Everlasting Kindness

Adult Choir

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us When the radiance of heaven Came to rescue the lost You called the sheep without A shepherd to leave their distress For Your streams of forgiveness And the shade of Your rest

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand As the lame ran to meet You And the dead breathed again You saw behind the eyes of Sorrow and shared in our tears Heard the sigh of the weary Let the children draw near

#### Chorus:

What boundless love what fathomless grace You have shown us O God of compassion Each day we live an off'ring of praise As we show to the world Your compassion

We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry and gazed on Your face At the thorns of oppression And wounds of disgrace For surely You have borne our Suff'ring and carried our grief As You pardoned the scoffer And showed grace to the thief

How beautiful the feet That carry this gospel of peace To the fields of injusticeAnd the valleys of need To be a voice of hope and Healing to answer the cries Of the hungry and helpless With the mercy of Christ

Chorus

Please stand

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"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? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And 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.' <sup>7</sup>Just 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.

<sup>8</sup>"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? <sup>9</sup>And 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.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### **Final Reading Response**

Hebrews 1:1-2a

- In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

### The Second Article and Luther's Explanation

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

#### What does this mean?

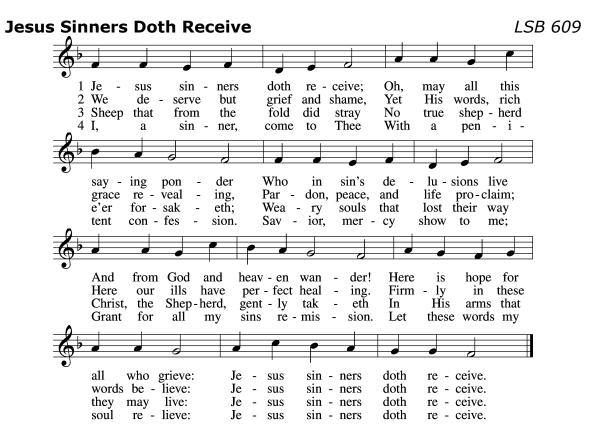
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated





- Oh, how blest it is to know:
   Were as scarlet my transgression,
   It shall be as white as snow
   By Thy blood and bitter passion;
   For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Now my conscience is at peace;
   From the Law I stand acquitted.
   Christ hath purchased my release
   And my ev'ry sin remitted.
   Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
   Also I have been forgiven;
   And when I this earth must leave,
   I shall find an open heaven.
   Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Sermon					





Please stand

## **Prayers of the Church**

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **@** hear our prayer.

### **Collect for the Word**

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.



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I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am.
For my Shepherd gently guides me.
Knows my need and well provides me
Loves me every day the same, even calls me by my name.

Worship Leaders: Pastor Chris Spelbring

Seminarian Mark Esser

Elder on Duty: Tim Tappendorf

Children's Message: Kerri Ann Schmid, DCE Family Life Ministries

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#### Sight Saving Editions

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#### Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

#### Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

#### Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

#### **Nursery Available**

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.