

# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 5pm**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2025 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed**

**INVOCATION** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** "Chief of Sinners though I Be" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5) Hymn #306

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.  
Love that found me—wondrous thought—Found me when I sought him not.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All-in-All to me;  
All my wants to him are known, All my sorrows are his own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior, help afford By your Spirit and your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Heavenly Father, you have given us our entire lives as a gift and you have blessed us with an eternal life in Christ.

**We claim our life's success as our own, and we make generous excuses for our own sin and shortcoming.**

Christ Jesus, you do not rest in working to seek and save the lost.

**We were lost, hiding from our God, happy to think we have life figured out apart from God's mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you delight in finding us, your lost sheep, and you help us to celebrate God's mercy.

**"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)**

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15). Heaven roars with rejoicing as often as God finds another sinner to forgive. The love and mercy of our God has been put on full display in our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with You.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father, we always want people to be merciful with us. We have a hard time wanting mercy for others in our lives. Help us to celebrate your mercy at work in the lives of those around us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### **PASTOR’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS & BIBLE PRESENTATIONS (8:30AM)**

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#### **THE WORD**

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<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>Exodus 32:7-14</b>	<b>OT p. 77</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)</i>		
<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b>	<b>NT p. 1082</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)</i>		
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	<b>“Alleluia”</b>	<b>p. 83</b>
<b>Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?</b>		
<b>You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.</b>		
<b>GOSPEL</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-10</b>	<b>NT p. 954</b>
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says “Glory to you, O Lord”)</i>		
<i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, “Praise to you, O Christ”)</i>		
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Hootin’ and Hollerin’ in Heaven”</b>	<b>Pastor Dan</b>
<b>Doran</b>		

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#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”</b>	<b>Hymn #290</b>
<b>There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;</b>		
<b>There’s a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty.</b>		
<b>There is no place where earth’s sorrows Are more felt than up in heav’n.</b>		
<b>There is no place where earth’s failings Have such kindly judgment giv’n.</b>		
 <b>There is welcome for the sinner, And a promised grace made good;</b>		
<b>There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in his blood.</b>		
<b>There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this;</b>		
<b>There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.</b>		
 <b>For the love of God is broader Than the measures of our mind;</b>		

And the heart of the eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the head.  
'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; It is something more than all:  
Greater good because of evil, Larger mercy through the fall.  
If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.

#### RECEPTION OF OFFERING

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### HOLY COMMUNION (SAT.)

#### 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. Amen

#### BLESSING AND PRAYER (SAT.)

Sending Hymn  
#390

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Hymn

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

*Refrain:* I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.

## ***Refrain***

**BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL** Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
  
<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret  
heart.  
<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
  
<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

### **Notes:**



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