



“Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.” Nehemiah 8:2–3

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

It is our joy to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us.

May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT TODAY AT ETERNAL HOPE?

You will hear God's Word at Eternal Hope! The entire Bible is God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and written down by the Apostles and Prophets. Our entire teaching is based on the Bible. You will hear sections of the Bible in the liturgy, you will hear longer readings from the Bible taken from the Old and New Testament. You will hear the Bible explained and applied to you in the sermon. As you hear the Bible, you will hear about Jesus and what He did and does for you. God's Word is a powerful blessing!

AS WE GATHER

What do you do when you arrive at church? Many people attend to the tasks associated with the beginning of the service, looking at the bulletin they have received or checking out what the opening hymn will be. There is blessing to be found also in looking around us and acknowledging those gathered with us. Each of us is singularly special to God, and, joined together, we become "the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand" (Psalm 95:7). There is no more special place to be than in the sheepfold of our God as part of His flock!

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

Lord, reveal to me the wonders of your Word. Heavenly Father, you spoke the world into existence (Genesis 1). You speak new life into your children to give us the light of the knowledge of your glory in Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6). Give us the grace this morning to receive your Word and rejoice in it (Psalm 119:18). Convict us of our sins and Christ's sufficiency so that sinners would be converted (John 16:7-11), the weak strengthened, and Christ's body built up. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 sts. 1-3



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

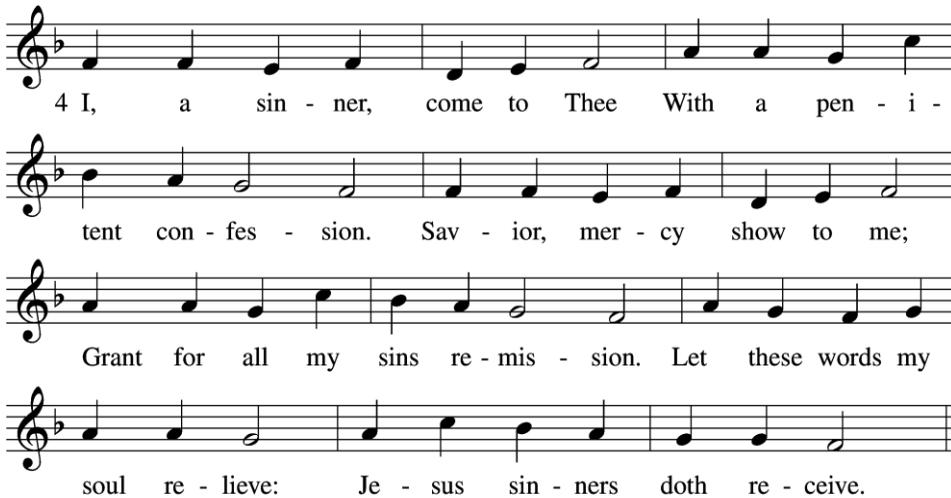
INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 st. 4



4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence is kept for self-reflection.)

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 sts. 5-7



5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let
6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have



my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,



By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I
And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalms 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

People: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have | healed me.

Pastor: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

Pastor: 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.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

KYRIE *p.152 in hymnal*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. ♪

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. ♪

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. ♪

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. ♪

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen. ♪

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 154*

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. 🎵

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen. 🎵

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–24* (God will personally search for His sheep.)

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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalms 119:169–176*

People: Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give me understanding according to Your word!

Women: Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your word.

Men: My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes.

Women: My tongue will sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right.

Men: *Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts.*

People: I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Women: *Let my soul live and praise You, and let Your just decrees help me.*

Men: *I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.*

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:5–17 (Christ Jesus came to the world to save sinners.)

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10* (Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord. ♪

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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ. ♪

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

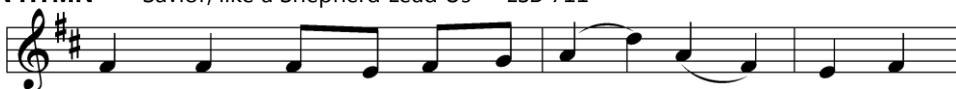
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven & earth.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

OFFERING

Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’ ” Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

OFFERTORY “Create In Me” LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Father in heaven, we pray to You through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Grant that we may daily recognize that You provide for our every need of body and soul. We praise and bless Your holy name for these gifts from above. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You call pastors and church workers, and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our King, You appoint princes and all governing authorities. Remember those You have placed in authority over us, and grant that they might fulfill their responsibilities according to Your Word and for the good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of life, You heal and deliver. Hear our cries for all who are in need of strength and rescue *especially*.... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, Your Son, who drew near to eat with sinners, now feeds His people with His own body and blood. Gather Your people as a shepherd gathers lost sheep. Remove from them whatever is contrary to sound doctrine and give them repentant hearts, that they might rejoice with the angels in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Most merciful God, remember Your baptized children who have wandered from the household of faith. Pursue them as a shepherd who seeks lost sheep. Strengthen their families to persist in prayer and confidence in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, all things are Yours, and You have promised to well supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident "amen" to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen. ♪

CLOSING HYMN "Now, the Hour of Worship O'er" TLH 45



1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o'er, Teach - ing, hear - ing,
2 Now the bless - ing cheers our heart, By His grace to
3 Bless our go - ing out, we pray, Bless our en - trance



pray - ing, sing - ing, Let us glad - ly God a - dore,
us ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful - ly de - part;
in like mea - sure; Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,



For His Word our prais - es bring - ing; For the rich re -
Be our souls to God com - mend - ed. May His Spir - it
Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure; Bless us when we



past He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.
ev - er guide us And with all good gifts pro - vide us!
reach death's por - tal, Bless us then with life im - mor - tal.

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