





# THE REST OF THE STORY: *Loving God & Serving Others*



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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 September 2023, 10:15 am



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### AS WE GATHER

*When His disciples wanted to know who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus pointed to a child as an object lesson for true humility. One who assumes the posture of complete dependence—having nothing yet needing everything—is valued by God. Our gracious Savior calls us to such humility, repentance, and faith this day. As we come before Him to receive forgiveness and new life through His very presence in His Word and at His Table, we, too, assume a posture of penitence. This posture doesn't point to us and our supposed worthiness; no, it points to Jesus and His sacrifice for us, the unworthy children of the Father. As the only perfectly humble child of God, Jesus stoops to serve us today and fill us with the forgiveness we desperately need.*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*"Before the Throne of God Above" LSB 574*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: Psalm 37:4*



*Delight yourself in | the Lord,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.*

*Commit your way | to the Lord; \*  
trust in him, and | he will act.*

*He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light, \*  
and your justice as the | noonday.*

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him; \*  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil | devices!

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

*Delight yourself | in the Lord, \*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.*

**KYRIE ELESION** ~ Lord, Have Mercy p. 152

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ This is the Feast p. 155

**SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY** p. 156

*Please be seated.*

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.*

**OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 15:15-21** "God Responds to Jeremiah's Complaint"

**EPISTLE READING: Romans 12:9-21** "Marks of the True Christian"

*Please stand.*

**ALLELUIA** p. 156

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28** "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me"

**WHAT WE BELIEVE** ~ Nicene Creed p. 158

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hail, the Once Despised Jesus" LSB 531

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Jane Goss

*(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend CHILDREN'S CHURCH in the ANNEX)*

**SERMON** "Losing is Living" Pastor Marty Tyler  
Matthew 16:25

*Please stand.*

# *Sermon Notes*

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## **Main Theme:**

*Focus Scripture*

*God's Perspective*

*Our Perspective*

*How do the two perspectives help us share God's Good News?*

## **Application:**

*What Does This Mean for Me?*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” – 1 Timothy 2:1-3

☐ Pastor ends each petition with, “*Lord, in Your mercy...*”

**Congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, then return to their seats.*

*(Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)*

**OFFERTORY ~ What Shall I Render to the Lord**

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**THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.***

*Our ability to continue to serve you, the church, and our community is greatly dependent upon our members’ willingness to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD’s church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings. As the Apostle Paul writes, “Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the special grey box sitting on the table next to the usher’s station at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

**PREFACE**

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**PROPER PREFACE**

☐ It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

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## WORDS OF OUR LORD

**PAX DOMINI** ≈ *Peace of the Lord*

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**AGNUS DEI** ≈ *Lamb of God*

*Please be seated.*

### **My Confessional Prayer**

- I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
- I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
- I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
- I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me through this Holy Supper.
- I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
- I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Your Table I Approach"*

*LSB 628*

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

*LSB 618*

*Please stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** ≈ **Thank the Lord**

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please be seated.*

## DISCPLESHIP CHALLENGE

## BENEDICTION

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## HYMN TO DEPART

*"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, We Go"*

*LSB 874*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*

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## DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

### ***How Will You Lose Your Life in Service to Others?***

Our community offers many opportunities to volunteer. Part of our Christian life is showing God's love by serving others. Look at some of the volunteer possibilities listed below:



Pregnancy Care Center	707-464-3233
Office of Emergency Services	707-464-7255
<a href="http://www.preparedelnorte.com/volunteer">www.preparedelnorte.com/volunteer</a>	
DN Senior Center	707-464-3069
Mission Possible	707-954-7319
CASA	707-464-3320
DN Human Society	707-464-1686
Laundry Love	707-464-9501
Rural Human Services	707-464-7441
Grace Lutheran's Pantry	707-464-7195
LWML Quilters	707-464-3712
Church Office Help	707-464-4712
DN Library	707-464-9793