

The Found Are Left, the Lost Are Found

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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A Place to Call Home: Victory Lutheran

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus. We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'" (Psalm 122:1). May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Please sign the Connection Card inside the worship folder and return it in the basket on the worship table. Members, please update your contact info if there is a change.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Changing tables are available in both restrooms.

A Quiet Room for children who need a moment to get settled with a parent or guardian is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

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Worship Series Focus: WOUNDS THAT HEAL

Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a deadly sharp scalpel and cuts through flesh and muscle. The result of that wound: not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. Sometimes, however, those painful words provide the very healing we need.

"Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. So, with a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. In this series, we might not like everything that Jesus says. Yet, to ignore what Jesus teaches is to court eternal death. Hard as it may be, let us listen and take all that Jesus says to heart. For while Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

Today's Worship: The Found Are Left, the Lost Are Found

"He's lost." We use that term not only to refer to someone who is bewildered about where they are but also to refer to someone who is in a helpless, hopeless state. Mankind's natural state is one of complete spiritual helplessness, a profound lostness. It manifests itself in countless ways. The one who simply wants God to leave him alone: lost. The one who feels she can handle life on her own: lost. The one who thinks he has the right to repent of his sins on his own timetable and terms: lost. The one who thinks God owes her in some way: lost. Wandering around physically lost can lead to winding up in bad places. Jesus' wounding words this week teach that wandering around spiritually lost puts you in the worst place of all. Fortunately, Jesus does not leave us in our lostness. He relentlessly seeks us. He involves the rest of the Christian community in seeking the lost and rejoicing over the found.

Service of Morning Praise

Our Path for Worship

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace

Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.

Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

Better than life is your love.

Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

Let us worship Him.



OPENING HYMN

CW706 | *Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

...this I call to mind

and therefore I have hope:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself,

“The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him.”

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men
Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

Let us worship Him.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite

After a short introduction, the Congregation sings:

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



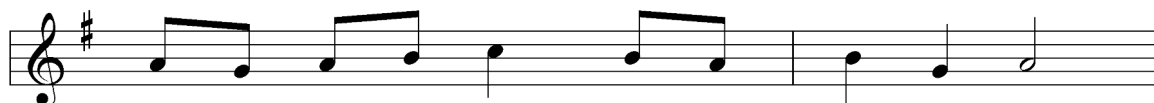
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come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own.



to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rejoicing in the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Hosea 3:1–5

As a lesson, the LORD called the prophet Hosea to seek his adulterous wife and love her again

¹The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you.”

⁴For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. ⁵Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51 | Be Merciful, O Lord

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 2:5–11

Paul encourages the Corinthian church to joyfully welcome back a repentant brother

⁵If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES

Psalm 119

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1–10

Through two parables, Jesus rebukes those who consider themselves not in need of repentance

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to join Pastor at the front of the sanctuary for a message based on today's sermon, specifically designed for them! If children would feel more comfortable, an adult is welcome to come up with them.

10:30 Service

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children ages 3–5 can be dismissed to the kitchen classroom for Children's Church. Children will return from Children's Church to the sanctuary after the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY

CW654 | *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Pastor Jonathan Kolander

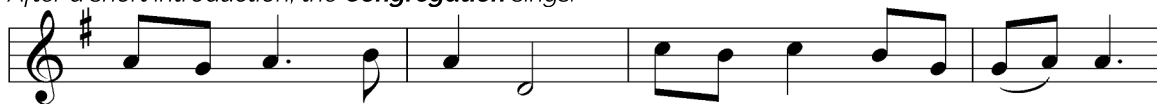
God Takes Relationships Seriously

Hosea 3:1–5

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

After a short introduction, the **Congregation** sings:



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



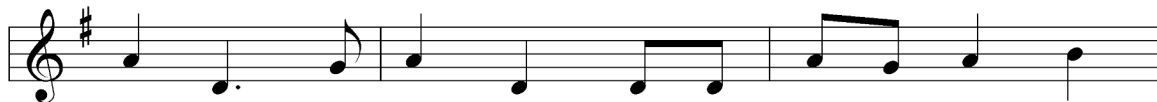
Verses
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in

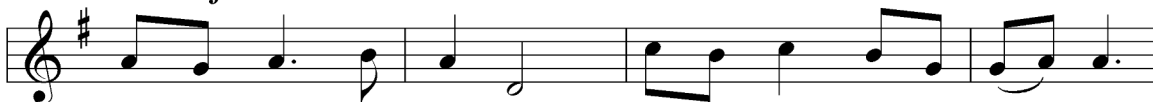


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We sing in end - less

to Refrain
praise! *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

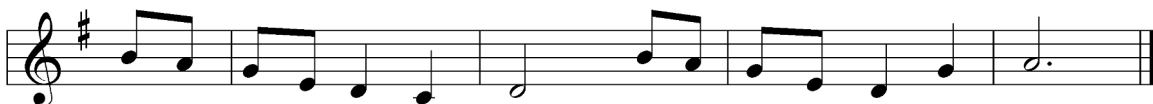
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



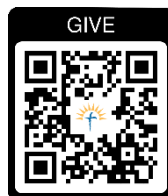
To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



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THANK OFFERING

To show our thanks to God for his generosity toward us, we gather this thank offering to support our Gospel-focused ministry in the Jacksonville area and beyond. See our website for other ways to support Victory's ministry and mission. If you want to give your thank offering online, you may use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.



Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder and drop it in the basket on the back (blue) table. You can also scan the QR code on the left to fill out an online Connection Card.

10:30 Service

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Call to Thee | by Gaudet

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 and ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

CW550 | *Lamb of God*



VIDEO

WELS Connection



Serving in Worship

Pastor
Accompanist
Harpist

Rev. Jonathan Kolander
Mrs. Rachel Cochran
Mrs. Virginia Black

For reflection based on today's Scripture readings...

- 1st: Sure, Hosea is a prophet of God, yet what would make this ask of him a difficult one? In connection with verse 2, what does sin in essence do to a person? Are some sins more difficult to shake than others? How did God in a visual way convey His compassion toward you, and all sinners? Read Hosea 1 & 2.
- 2nd: Recall the situation from 1 Corinthians, they needed to call out sin; now, they needed to do what? When you say to someone they are forgiven, what does that mean exactly? Note why it is important to forgive as possible. Read Colossians 3:12–14.
- 3rd: Who needs to hear God's Law and Gospel? How can they hear it if we think we are superior to them? How important is each person (soul) to Jesus, and what is the proof behind your answer? Read John 19:28–37.

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Sunday Service Times

8:00am Worship

9:15am Bible Class and Sunday School

10:30am Worship with Livestream

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