

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PATRIOT DAY
September 11, 2022**



*Watch for Coins
on the Ground.*

*Dance
whenever
You
Find One!*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” arrng. by Marty Parks

GATHERING SONG “Immortal, Invisible, God Only
Wise” ELW 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

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.

KYRIE

ELW pg. 184

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 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. *Refrain*
Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 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.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: **Exodus 32:7-14**

A reading from Exodus.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Psalm 51:1-10**

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. 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 sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: “Gospel of Grace” sung by Jo-Netta Fox

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and 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 of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When 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 in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats.

Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. We especially pray for peace in Ukraine. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially Emma Jorgenson*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, especially our Youth and Family Ministry, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

“As Saints of Old”

ELW 695 v. 3

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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 Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: “Ki Ri Su” (May the peace be with you) sung by Bill and Jo-Netta Fox

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me: O Christ, Surround Me”*
ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Loss & Grief: Sandra Nebin (*Chris Balstad's sister*)

This Week's Health: Emma Jorgenson

Ongoing Health:

Haley Fyant, Patti Kinnamon, Dallas Peterson, Blanche Rohrenbach, Lilly Slagle (*Marret Christiansen's daughter*), Marjorie Burkitt, Albert Knutson, Dave Bjur, Daryle Peters (*Ron's cousin*), Pat Radtke (*Marion Woitke's sister*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Karen Vergeront, Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Scott Trospen, Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*), Debbie Lindquist, Craig Erickson, Joan Platco (*Ramona Mahoney's friend*), Jeff Jacobson, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEP 12th, 2022—SEP 18th, 2022

TUESDAY: Country Store

WEDNESDAY: Recital—JoNetta, Bill & Angela: 2:00pm
Connections: 5:30pm meal—Pizza & Bible Bingo
FLBC staff leading worship
Book pickup for book study

SUNDAY: 9:00AM WORSHIP
In Church Worship Service
& Facebook: 9:00am

Congregational Care Committee

Will be Hosting a **PANCAKE BRUNCH TODAY (SUNDAY)**.
Thank you to everyone for helping!

MUSIC NOTES: Sept. 14th at 2:00pm there will be a recital.

“How Can I Keep From Singing” by Jo-Netta Fox w/ Bill Fox,
accompanied by Angela Claver.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

hosted a "Back to School Party" last Wednesday. It was a fun activity.
THANK YOU Connie for putting all of this together.
Also to everyone that helped and to those who donated items.

CONNECTIONS WILL START MEETING on **Sept. 14th at 5:30pm.**
It will be PIZZA Night & BIBLE Bingo!! FLBC will be here to lead worship.
Sept. 21st Subway sandwiches, FLBC Counselors & Adult Book Study.
Sept. 28th Salad & Spaghetti, FLBC Counselors & Adult Book Study.

**A Sign-up sheet for dinner items needed on Sept. 28th is in the Narthex.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

WILL BE READING “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor
Books will be purchased & handed out at the Sept. 14th Connections night.
Cost is \$12.00. The group will continue to meet on Wed. nights as part of the Connections gatherings at 5:30pm.



SEPTEMBER 20th from 12:00—5:00pm
At this time, ALL time slots are FULL. However,
if you are able to be flexible for a no-show slot, please
contact Lynette at 406-883-1763, to be added to the
waitlist to donate. Thank you.

September 25th is Recovery Sunday. The Addiction Ministry Team
will be sharing personal stories during the sermon.
New material on the Recovery Resource Bookshelf in the Narthex.

“Have You Been Swallowed by a Whale?” Lunch & Inspirational Talk
during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, **October 2nd at 10:15am.**
GSLC’s Addiction Ministry Team will provide Subway sandwiches through a Thrivent
Action Team grant. Tim King’s keynote presentation from 2021 will be presented.
This is a free event and all are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

TUES., OCTOBER 18th
GSCW’s 52nd Annual HARVEST DINNER



Friends in the Flathead Cluster,

Concordia College in Moorhead has requested a pastor and two lay representatives to serve as special delegates to the Concordia College Corporation Assembly. It looks like the meeting will be an hour and a half long on Thursday, September 29th, and I will not be able to make it.

If you or members of your congregations are interested in attending and representing the Flathead Cluster, please respond to me directly and I can forward your name on to the President's Office.

In Christ,

Pastor Seth Nelson

RESPONSE NEEDED by MON., SEPT 12th, IF INTERESTED