

# *14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

September 14, 2025 9:30AM



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ,  
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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**Prelude**  
**Announcements**  
**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

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

**Confession and Forgiveness**

... let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

**We are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found. Amen.**

...your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**"Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing" #807**

**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.**

**Canticle of Praise**

**This is the Feast**

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

**Prayer**

. . . our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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

**First Reading**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

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Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

**Shall We Gather at the River**

**Choir**

## Second Reading

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

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## Children's Message

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 15:1-10**

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### Response to Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

**Pr Mary Pharmer**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

*Please stand as you are able*

### Message Response

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

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## The Immigrants Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants. I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers. I believe that the communion of saints is revealed when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity. I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness. I believe that the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct, and all are alike at the same time. I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner, but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: **receive our prayer**

. . . in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

**Offerings** Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

## Presentation of Gifts

**"Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1 & 4**

**#685**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest,

**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . .and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Words of Promise

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Communion** *All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.*

## Communion Hymns

**"We Come to the Hungry Feast"**

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**"Amazing Grace, how Sweet the Sound"**

**#779**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Post Communion Blessing**

. . .keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

. . . We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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

**Blessing**

**Bell Toll**

**Sending Hymn**

**"Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"**

**#834**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Leaders**

Marilyn Peterson & Maureen Shull — Ushers/greeters

Jameson Dredske & Henry Morelock — Acolyte

Ginny Erickson — Reader

Steve Mentele — Choir Director

Robin Hoefer — Pianist

Mary Pharmer—Pastor

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

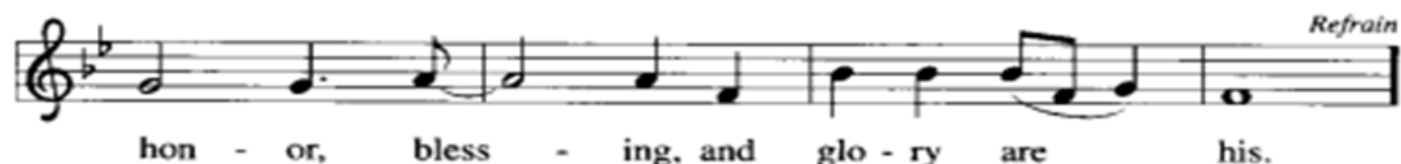
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

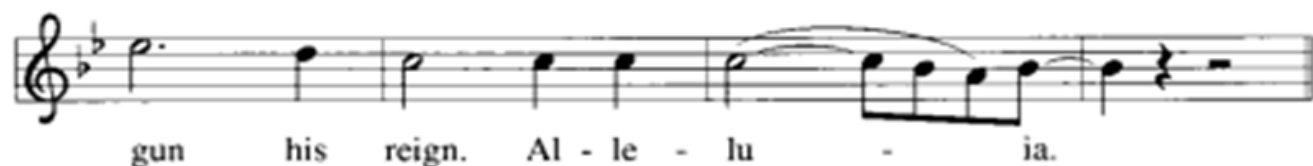
While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.  
 Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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*Refrain**Final refrain*



## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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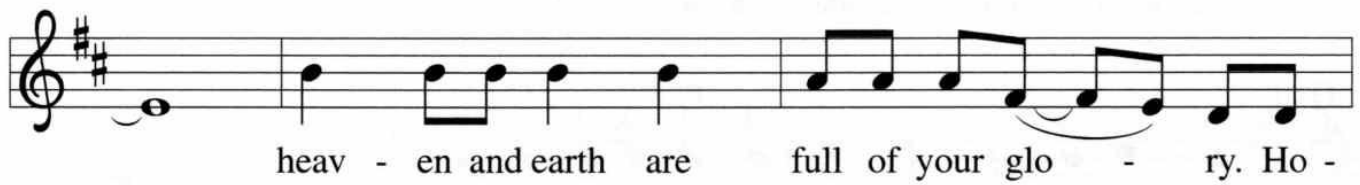
## Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

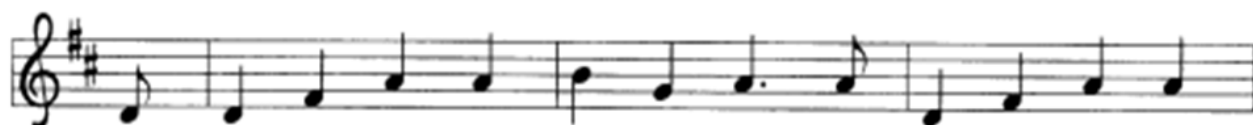


# We Come to the Hungry Feast

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- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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HUNGRY FEAST

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# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

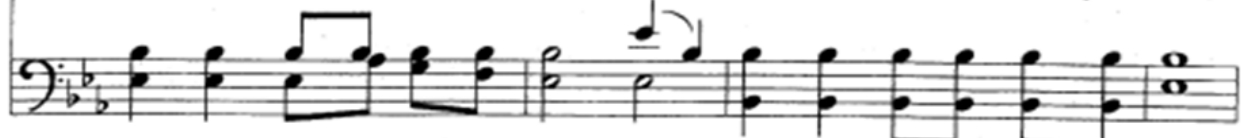
now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

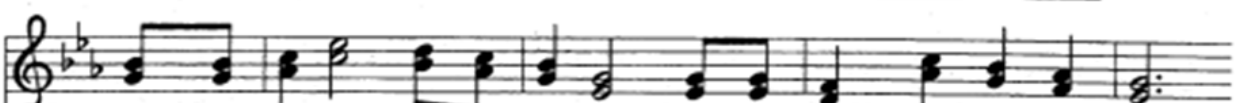
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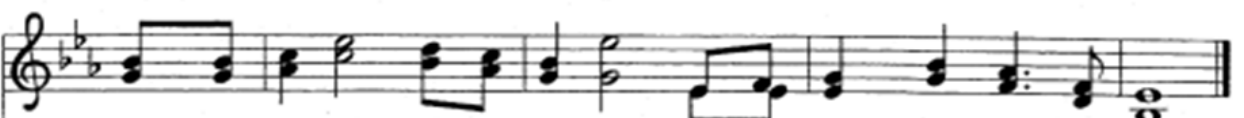
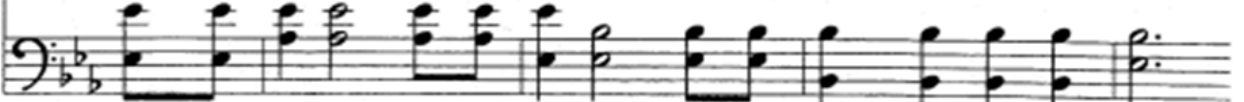
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



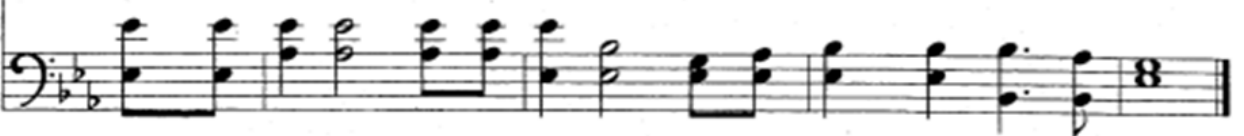
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 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: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

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## Announcements for September 14, 2025

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** to use during worship are available in the narthex.
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

**Keep in prayer:** June Bates, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Dean Erickson, Barb Grenawalt, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** dates will be announced prior to worship. At the time of printing there is a Special Meeting scheduled Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and Sept 21<sup>st</sup> following worship.

**Emergency Pastoral Care:** will now be provided by Pastor JoAnna from Faith Lutheran in So Beloit. She will be "on-call" for emergencies (815)298-9951 or email: [PastorJoAnna@me.com](mailto:PastorJoAnna@me.com)

**The September Neighborhood Dinner** will be a ham dinner. It's THIS Wednesday, September 17, from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Join us and invite your neighbors for a casual dinner and good company. There is a food sign up in the connecting room - feel free to bring anything you like to share...or nothing! Just come and enjoy! RSVPs are appreciated, but not necessary. There are fliers in the Narthex that you can use to invite people, or ask Carrie to send you a poster via text.

**Altar Flowers:** Thank you, John & Diane Reindfleisch, for providing the flowers in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Sunday School:** We will meet in the Chapel directly after worship. The youth will have snacks and fellowship within their groups.

Jefferson Prairie will host a **Thanksgiving dinner** on Wednesday, November 26. There will be many opportunities to help in the coming weeks; in the near term, though, we most need folks to help plan! If you want to help plan Thanksgiving dinner, please be in contact with the church office or with Carrie Morelock.

**CEMETERY** Please remove any decorations you'd like to save prior to Fall Clean-Up (to be determined). If members are willing and able, you may weed-eat/weed-whip/weed-whack around stones in either cemetery as you see the need and have time. It was recently done but see Connie Johnson or the office if you have questions or are interested.

**Veteran Grave Wreaths:** Wreaths Across America is coming to JP on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will honor the Veteran's in both cemeteries with balsam wreaths. You can "sponsor" a specific grave by signing up in the Connecting Room OR give a non-specified donation. Visit [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org) to learn about the program. See John Clint or the Office with questions.

**Sharing Your Offering:** **Giving statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex.** Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org). Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org), download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**Online worship** available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org) homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

**NOTE:** This worship service is being livestreamed.

### This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 14	9:30am Worship	Special Congregational Meeting Sunday School/Fellowship
Tuesday, September 16	9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Council	
Wednesday, September 17	5:30pm Neighborhood Meal	
Sunday, September 21	9:30am Worship	Special Congregational Meeting Sunday School/Fellowship