

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost: September 14, 2025

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

All stand as able

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 rul - 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: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Collect of the Day *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading – Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28 *All may be seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before God's fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14 *All remain seated; text is read in unison.*

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

**The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

**Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.**

**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

**See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.**

**Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the Lord is their refuge.**

**Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when the Lord restores the fortunes of the Lord's people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the first letter from Timothy

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But 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. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 15:1-10 *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and other sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the religious leaders and the scribes who were there were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "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? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And 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.' Just 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.

"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? 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.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory

A long lost lamb

VF 95

Mary Nelson Keithahn

Carl Haywood



1. A long lost lamb is in the fold, a
2. The lit - tle man who climbed a tree has
3. The fish - er - man who turned a - way re -
4. Let ev - ery - one who suf - fers now from guilt



wo - man's coin re - trieved a way - ward son is home a gain, most
found a friend at last, a wo - man with her cup of tears has
ceives an - oth - er chance. A Phar - i - see has seen the light and
and deep de - spair re - turn un - to the house of God, for



lov - ing - ly re - ceived. Good news! It's time to ce - le - brate with
put be - hind her past.
mourns his ar - ro - gance.
love a - waits you there.



friends who ga - ther round. So God re - joic - es, Je - sus said, when - e'er the



lost is found! The found!
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Communion

As offered

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life, _____
 2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love, _____
 3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need, _____

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad; _____
 2. Tell of His power to for - give; _____
 3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you; _____

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife, _____
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove _____
 3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed, _____

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad. _____
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live, _____
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true. _____

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life May Je - sus shine;

Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray,

Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.