

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

**PENTECOST 14**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**WOUNDS THAT HEAL—THE FOUND ARE LEFT; THE LOST ARE FOUND**



## **SERIES THEME:**

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.

## **THEME OF THE DAY:**

"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 THE WORD

## 814 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## MEDITATION ON OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING <sup>1</sup>

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

C: **for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** *Galatians 3:26,27*

P: There is one body and one Spirit -

C: **just as you were called to one hope when you were called-**

P: one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

C: **one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

P: You are the salt of the earth;

C: **you are the light of the world.**

P: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

C: **and praise your Father in heaven**

*Matthew 5:13-16*

P: As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,

C: **especially to those who belong to the family of believers.** *Galatians 6:10*

P: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C: **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

*Colossians 3:17*

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<sup>1</sup> God has charged his people to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). We bear witness to his love and forgiveness in all that we do in service toward our neighbors. Whether this service takes the form of a parent, child, tradesman, or retiree, God has given us the privilege of using our gifts to his glory.

## CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

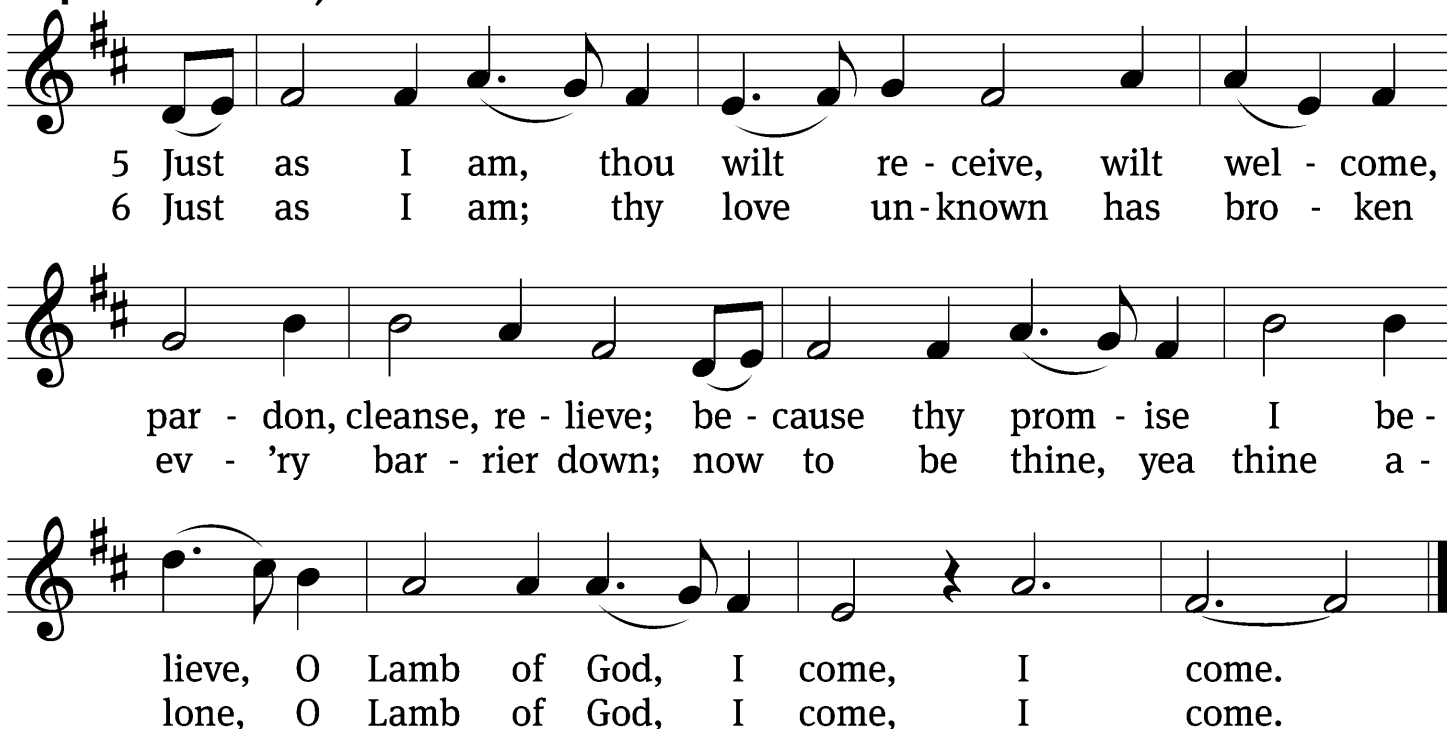
**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise.

### 814 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
6 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken

par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be -  
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea thine a -

lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY <sup>2</sup>**

**P:** 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.

**C:** Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **FIRST LESSON: HOSEA 3:1-5 <sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>The 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."

<sup>2</sup>So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. <sup>3</sup>Then 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."

<sup>4</sup>For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup>Afterward 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.

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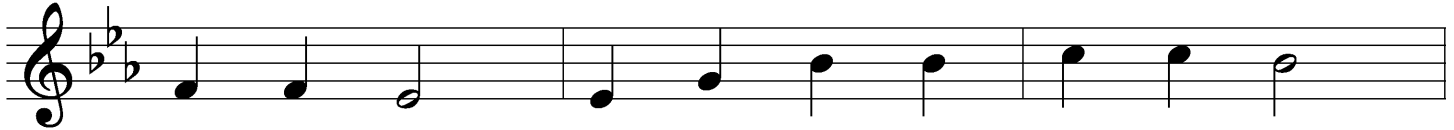
<sup>2</sup> The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is (normally) a five-part prayer: 1) Address; 2) Basis for the petition; 3) the Petition; 4) Reason for the petition; 5) Conclusion of praise to God.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD called the prophet Hosea to seek his adulterous wife and love her again. This served as an object lesson, showing our God is a God who seeks and redeems those who are lost.

## PSALM 51 GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME <sup>4</sup>



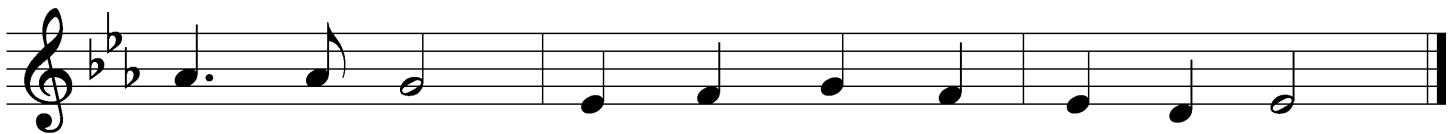
1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
5 Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
right and true; let me not a - ban - doned be,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
let your Spir - it dwell in me; your sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

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## SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup>If 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. <sup>6</sup>The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. <sup>7</sup>Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort

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<sup>4</sup> Martin Luther said, "Psalm 51 is one of the most prominent teaching psalms. David teaches us correctly what sin is, where it comes from, what damage it does, and how a person becomes free from it. In this psalm, like nowhere else, sin is clearly shown to be an inheritance, born in us. No works can remove it; only God's grace and forgiveness can do that."

<sup>5</sup> A member of the church in Corinth had been lost in sin, but through loving church discipline, had been moved to repent. Paul encourages the members to joyfully welcome him back.

him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone 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, <sup>11</sup>in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

## VERSE OF THE DAY <sup>6</sup>

LUKE 15:10

P: Alleluia. There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.

## 606 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re-deemed us by his blood."

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<sup>6</sup>The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.



## GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 15:1-10

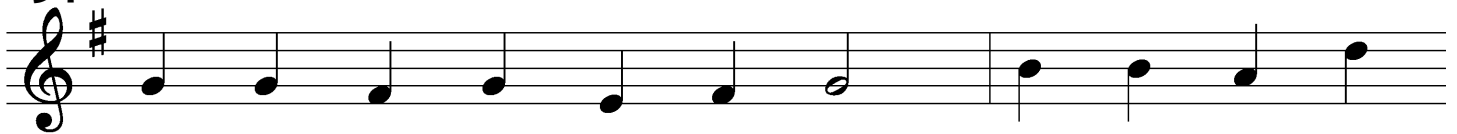
<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

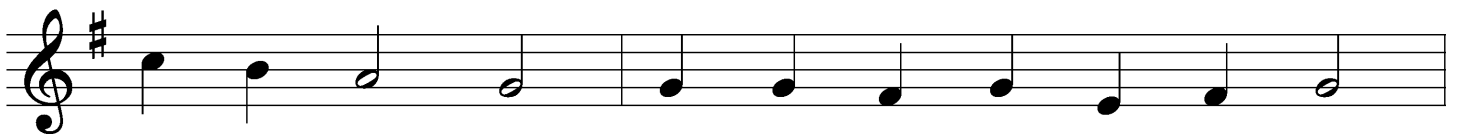
<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>I 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.

<sup>8</sup>"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? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### 654 JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE



1	Je - sus	sin - ners	does	re - ceive;	oh, may all this
2	We de - serve	but grief and shame,	yet his words, rich		
3	Sheep that from the	fold did stray	are not by the		
4	I, a sin - ner,	come to you	with a pen - i -		



say - ing	pon - der	who in sin's	de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing,	par - don, peace, and	life pro - claim;	
Lord for - sak - en;	wea - ry souls who	lost their way	
tent con - fes - sion.	Sav - ior, show me	mer - cy, too;	



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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## SERMON <sup>7</sup>

## LUKE 15:1-10

### Love in Action

- I. Desperately needed
- II. Extravagantly given

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<sup>7</sup>The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

## APOSTLES' CREED <sup>8</sup>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

*The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:*

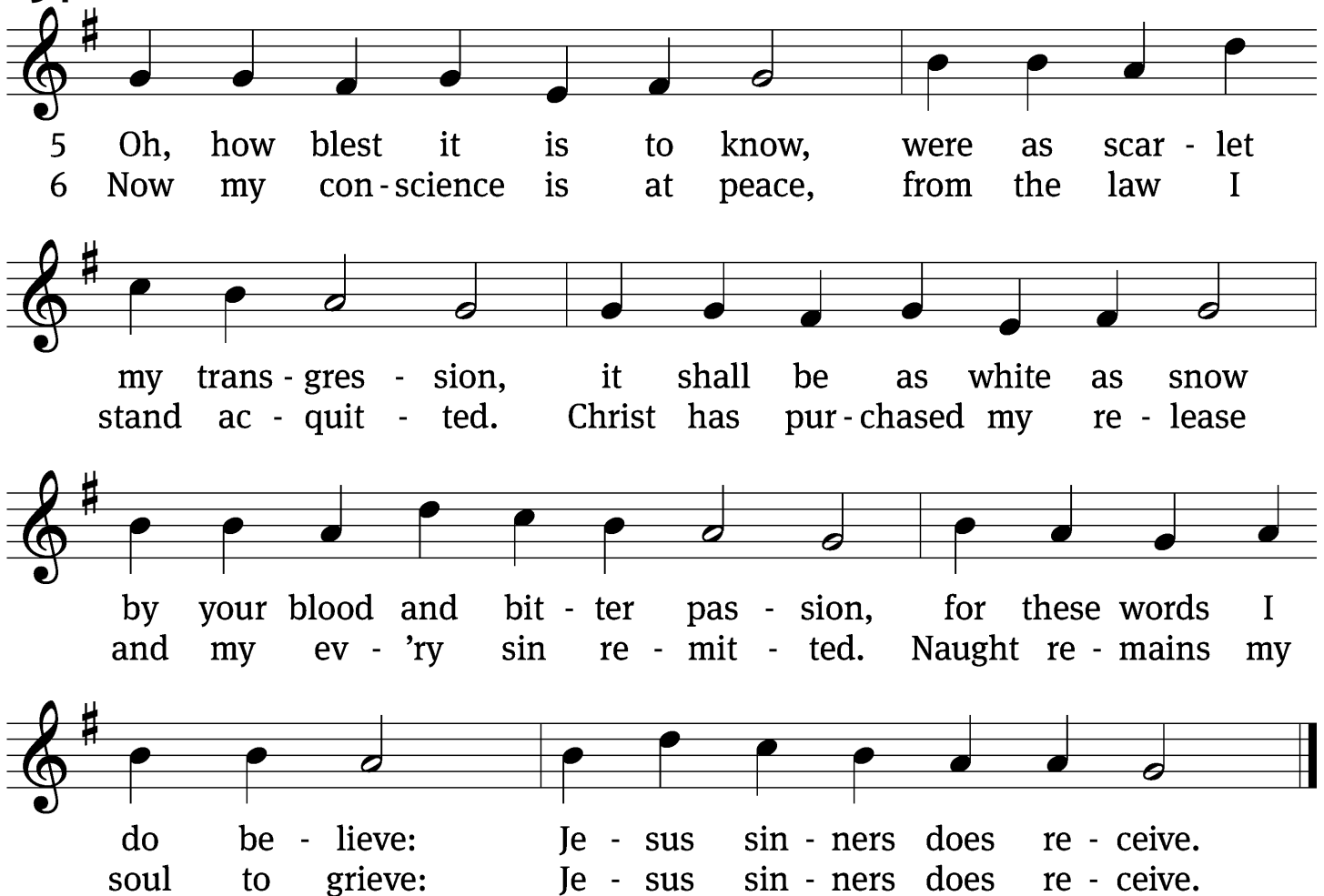


*This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.*

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<sup>8</sup> Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

## 654 JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE



5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let  
6 Now my con - science is at peace, from the law I  
my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow  
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease  
by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I  
and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my  
do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH <sup>9</sup>

### LORD'S PRAYER <sup>10</sup>

**C:** 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.

<sup>9</sup> Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

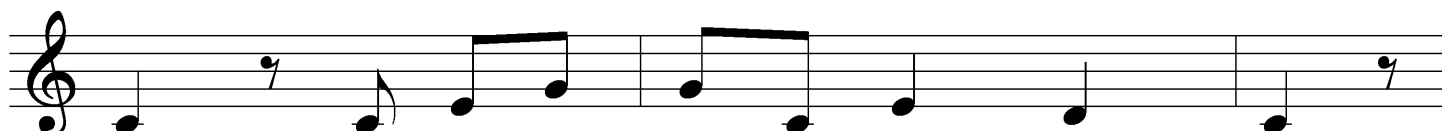
# 550 LAMB OF GOD



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

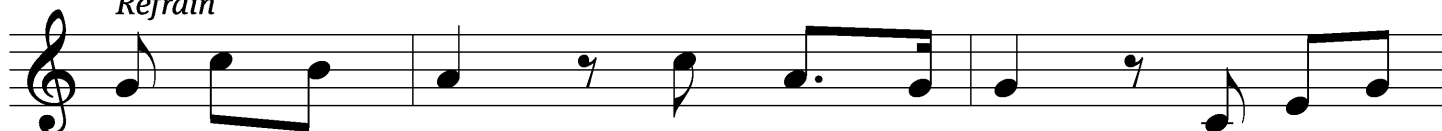


sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

## Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre-cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## THE LORD'S BLESSING <sup>11</sup>

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.

**C:** Amen.



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<sup>11</sup> As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

# 708 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



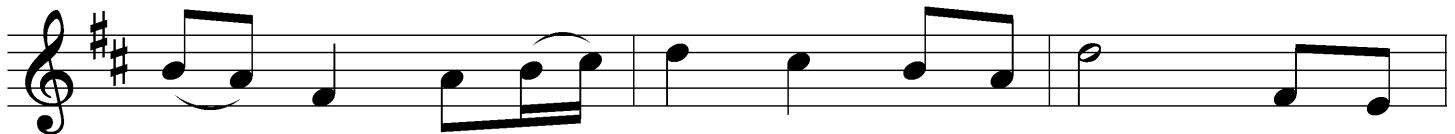
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his  
 stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

*The altar flowers are given by Ken and Carolyn Miner in thanks for God's blessings.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 1      Timothy 6:6-10,17-19      Luke 16:1-13

## SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21:

Flowers: Rice  
Nursery: 8:30am—Jennifer Walters and Bridget Janda  
            11:00am—Lisa Seltz and Sophie Pfund  
Ushers: 8:30am—Terry Kardatzke and Tim Lenart  
            11:00am—Bob Davis and Clinton Kent  
Landscaping: Ben Tonak (9/20-10/03)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Lord's Supper	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays
Youth Confirmation	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Sunday Night Bible Study	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Iron Sharpens Iron ( <i>Men's group</i> )	9/27, 8:30 AM
Canoe Trip	9/28, 1:00 PM



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**Adult Bible Study:** The New Testament book of Colossians was written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Colosse. Like many New Testament letters, it was written to combat false teaching. The false teaching in Colosse was one that has made a resurgence in modern America: Gnosticism. Gnosticism is the claim that Jesus is not enough, and that you need deeper, secret knowledge to truly know God. Paul writes this letter to the Colossians to stress the all-sufficiency of Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour at 9:45am as we mine this timeless letter for the godly treasures it contains.

**Bible 101 Class:** We are starting another round of our Bible 101 course on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The class will meet on Tuesdays at 7pm. This 12-week course is a review of the primary teachings of the Bible. It is intended for all who want to learn more about the Bible. It serves as our membership class at Christ Our Savior, as well as a great review for all members. Please let a member of the pastoral staff know if you are interested in attending.

**Ladies Bible Study:** *My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph*, uses the biblical account in Genesis to showcase how God's grace, revealed in his promises and their fulfillment, was ever-present for Joseph and his family. Through this study, we will be encouraged to trust in God in difficult circumstances and motivated to dedicate our lives to the welfare of God's kingdom. The group will meet on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from September to May at 10:00 am at church.

**LMWS Rally:** The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, Southern Hills Circuit, will be gathering October 10-11 at Messiah, Johns Creek, GA. The featured speakers will be Pastor Mark and Molly Henrich. Please contact Debbie Westra ([westradd@yahoo.com](mailto:westradd@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in attending.

**Duck River Canoe Trip:** Our annual Duck River Canoe Trip is scheduled for Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Those wanting to participate should sign up on the church bulletin board and meet at River Rats Canoe Rental prior to 1 PM (the last shuttle to the drop off site leaves promptly at 1:00). The trip is 5 miles down the Duck River from Milltown to the River Rats Ramp. The voyage will take all afternoon, from approximately 1-5pm. Please bring your own snacks, lunch, and drinks for the trip downstream. River Rats is located at 4361 HWY 431 Columbia, TN. Cost for the

outing is \$55 per canoe (2 adults + 2 children under 12), \$35 per single person kayak, \$60 tandem kayak (2 people). Contact John Dale with questions.

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