



*"Rejoice
with me ...
I have found
my sheep that
was lost."*

Luke 15:6, NRSV

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed
on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Christian Worship 340

The Invocation

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



C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature
sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words
and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is
good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in
eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my
Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

Absolution

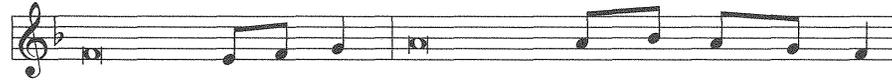
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,



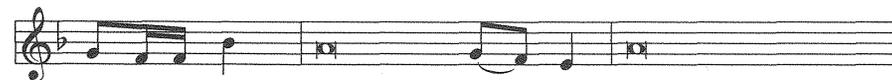
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al- mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



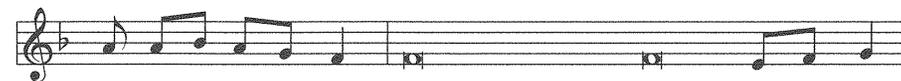
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O dearest and most merciful Savior, when we were lost and condemned, under your Father's justice, you had mercy on us. It is your undeserved love which searches for sinners like us. It is your uncompromised compassion which receives sinners like us. It is your unyielding faithfulness which forgives sinners like us. Bless us through your boundless grace and undeserved mercy. Daily seek us when we stray. Daily forgive and purify us from every spot and stain. Daily keep us in your care until we receive the greatest of all blessings—life in heaven. There we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout all eternity.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word
“The LORD’S Grace and Mercy has No Limits!”

Old Testament

Hosea 3:1–5

¹The LORD said to me, “Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes.”

²So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. ³I said to her, “You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you.”

⁴So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols. ⁵Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Psalm for the Day

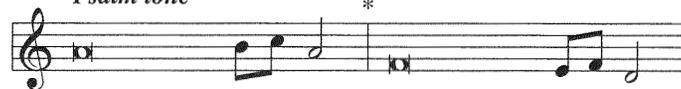
Psalm 51a

Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



Have mercy on | me, O God; *
according to your un- | failing love.

Wash away all my in- | iquity, *
and cleanse me | from my sin.

For I know my trans- | gressions, *
and my sin is always be- | fore me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, | have I sinned, *
and done what is evil | in your sight.

Surely I was sin- | ful at birth, *
sinful from the time my mother con- | ceived me.

Hide your face | from my sins, *
and blot out all my in- | iquity.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, *
and grant me a willing spirit to sus- | tain me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle

2 Corinthians 2:5–11

⁵Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). ⁶This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, ⁷so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ ⁷I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

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

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

Hymn of the Day

“Come unto Me, Ye Weary”
Christian Worship 336

Sermon

Luke 15:1-2

“This Man Welcomes Sinners!”

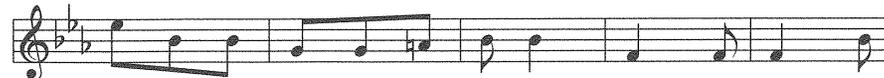
Jesus searches for them in love
Jesus receives them with joy
Jesus forgives them through grace

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir—it with—in me. Cast me not a-



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho—ly Spir — it



from me. Re-store un—to me the joy of your sal—va —



tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

*“Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good;
His Steadfast Love Endures Forever!”*

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

(the congregation will read responsively)

P: O gracious and Loving Savior, you invite us to come to you for rest. Our hearts are weary and our souls are burdened with guilt. Work in us by your law to uncover our sins and lead us to acknowledge them. Then give us faith to trust your gracious assurance our sins are forgiven.

**C: Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live
and from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

P: How blessed we are to hear your gracious invitation and welcome. You love us with an everlasting love, and you want to rescue us. Send us your Holy Spirit so that we ever cling to your promise of grace and never doubt what you proclaim to us in love.

**C: Come, O sinners, one and all, come, accept his invitation.
Come, obey his gracious call;
come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

P: How can we ever find the words to thank you for your unde-

served love. You came to us when we sought you not. You reconciled us when we were at war with you. You cleansed us when we were content to be stained by sin and guilt. Keep us in your loving care and bless us through your incomparable mercy.

**C: Oh, how blest it is to know,
were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**

P: O Savior, you are the reason we can find joy in life and peace in death. Your promise stands sure to take us to yourself in heaven. There we will praise you, your Father, and the Spirit—for every grace and mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Delay Not! Delay Not!”
Christian Worship 337

Closing Prayer

P: Precious and loving Savior, open our hearts to receive your

mercy. Open our minds to cherish your great compassion. Open our eyes to see you came into this world to save sinners. While your precious work required you to humble yourself and submit to your Father's will, you freely and faithfully did everything. As a result, we have hope when all we know is hopelessness. We have peace when all we know is hostility. We have heaven when we all we deserved is punishment. Continue to work in us by your Holy Spirit so we can live in peace throughout this life. Strengthen our faith. Increase our confidence. Bring us safely through this life to eternal life where we will praise you as our gracious Lord and compassionate Savior.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

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



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Lamb of God”

Christian Worship 748

(The hymn is printed on the next two pages)

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Today—*Welcome in name of our loving and faithful God.* It is because of his great love for us that he sent his Son to carry the burden of our sin and free us from guilt and shame. How blessed we are to have such a loving God, and such a welcoming Savior.

- If you are visiting us today, it is good to have you here. Please sign the guest book by the front door. Come back and worship again, soon!
- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy some refreshments and a cup of coffee.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. We will turn our attention to the message of repentance and grace offered through the prophet Hosea.

Monday—An update on the handbell choir practice schedule will be given after the service.

Tuesday—Pastor Proeber will attend the Los Angeles Circuit Study. He will return in the afternoon.

Wednesday—Bible Class begins at 7:00 pm.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Proeber

- Mowing beginning September 18th—F. Florez

Sunday, September 18th—**In Person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am.** Paul's words are familiar, but they need repeating daily. Godliness with contentment is a great gain. Although we know the words, we also know the struggles we will have to overcome with always wanting more. We have to look to our Savior for help and strength do put this truth into practice.

- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. Solomon's words of wisdom from Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 will help us understand what is good and what is simply a vapor.

More announcements follow on page 19!

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