

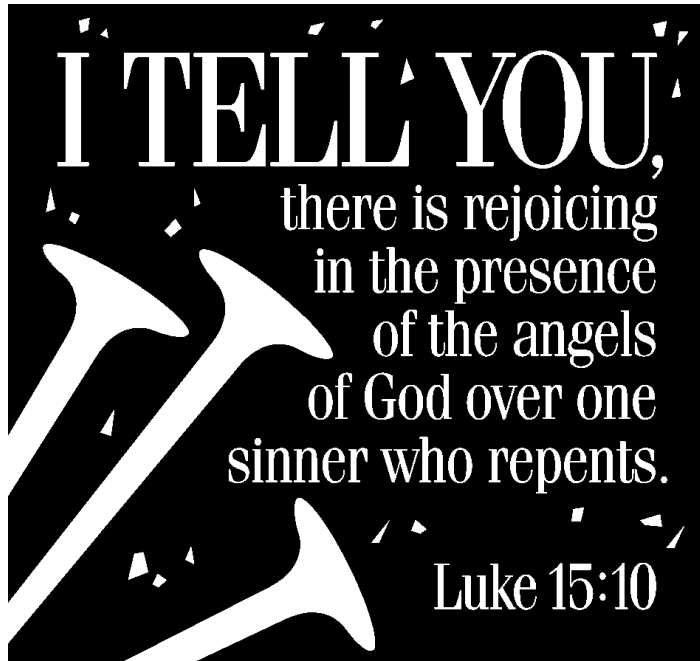
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

THE BELIEVER GROWS IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER...

Christians love the lost like Christ.



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OPENING HYMN

620 – To You, Our God, We Fly



1 To you, our God, we fly For
2 The pow'rs that you or - dained With
3 Give peace, Lord, in our time, Oh,
4 Though vain and fool - ish, still We



mer - cy and for grace. Oh, hear our
heav'n - ly wis - dom bless; May e - vil
let no foe draw nigh Nor law - less -
are your peo - ple, Lord. Oh, bend us



low - ly cry And do not hide your face!
be re - strained, Re - placed by right - eous - ness.
ness and crime In - sult your maj - es - ty!
to your will; We'll serve no oth - er God!

Refrain



O Lord, stretch forth your might - y hand



And guard and bless our na - tive land.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, abr., alt.
Tune: CROFT'S 136TH (66 66 88) William Croft, 1678–1727.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved 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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for the 'Lord Have Mercy' Kyrie. It consists of two treble clef staves with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

ABSOLUTION

M 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.

Musical notation for the Absolution. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

C: A - men.

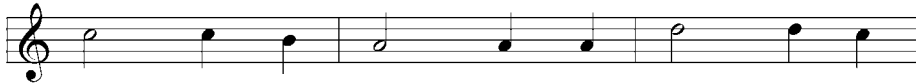
M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain It is well with my

It is well with my soul.



soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.
 Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

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.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32:7-14

The account of the Golden Calf illustrates humankind's total depravity. At the same time, we see Moses pleading for Israel. We, like Moses, plead for the lost rather than cheer their demise.

EXODUS 32:7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ ”

¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

PSALM

Psalm 23

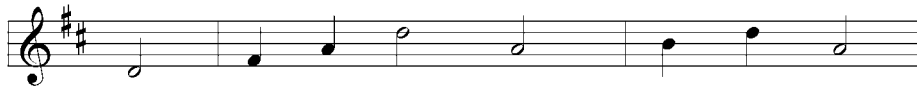
766 – The Lord’s My Shepherd



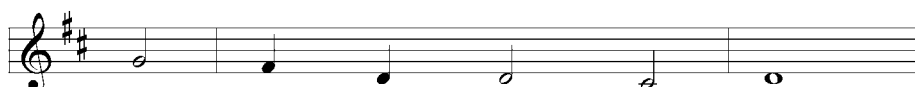
1 The Lord’s my Shep - herd; I’ll not want.
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,




He makes me down to lie
 And me to walk doth make
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 In pre - sence of my foes;
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,




In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,
 And in God’s house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.
 E'en for his own name's sake.
 And staff me com - fort still.
 And my cup o - ver - flows.
 My dwell - ing place shall be.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
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The well-known themes of Psalm 23 are set to the popular tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR.

Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR (86 86 86) J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925, adapt.

SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Today begins a series of readings from Paul's letters to Pastor Timothy. Let us, like Paul, never forgot the grace shown to us that we might always be ready to love the lost with Christ's seeking and forgiving love.

¹ TIMOTHY 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin describe not only the heavenly joy at a sinner's repentance, but the priority placed on such a recovery mission.

^{LUKE 15:1} Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

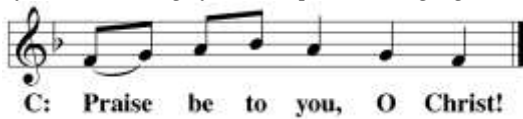
³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – 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

304 - 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 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 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
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 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.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt,
 1699, alt.

SERMON

Luke 15:1-10

This One Welcomes Sinners

1. In loving concern
2. With tireless seeking
3. Sharing in utter joy

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord, who in Christ will hear our prayers and, in His time, turn our mourning into dancing.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, heaven rejoices when a sinner repents. Guard us against self-righteousness that sees no need to hear of Christ and His redemption, and preserve us in Your Word and grace, that as Your people we might always be about the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, protect us from all disobedience, profanity, sexual immorality, deceit, false doctrine and all things that would make us unholy and defiled by sin. Sharpen our attention to Your Law, that we might not make excuses for lawlessness and indulge our sinful nature. Preserve us continually in repentance, and in Your love grant to us a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith for the sake of Your Son, who came into this world to save sinners. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You promise to shepherd Your sheep for the sake of Jesus. According to Your Word, seek the lost, bring back the stray, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Have mercy [*especially upon _____ and*] upon all who look to You for deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, on this 9/11 day of remembrance in our land, remind us always of the realities of evil and death in this world, and further keep us in the certainty that Christ has overcome the world. Preserve peace in this and every nation, thwart the plans of all who desire violence and war, and give to rulers wisdom and integrity to protect the innocent and punish the evildoer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Delighting in heaven's joy over one who repents, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and now share in the rejoicing around Your throne. Preserve us in that faith and hope until the day when You gather us to Yourself in heaven, where we will look with joy upon the Lamb who was slain and whose blood set us free to be Your people; for He lives and reigns with You, Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SERMON HYMN

388 - Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en -
far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and
Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of
mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy,
love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more,
thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days,
free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M 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.



CLOSING HYMN

569 - O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace
 3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;
 The souls now lost in er - ror's maze
 That they may find the sav - ing way!
 Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold,
 Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice
 And all whom in their se - cret minds
 Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed
 U - nite all those who walk a - part;
 And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - joice,
 Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart
 By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: O JESU CHRIST, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7

