St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2025

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

"One Sunday morning several years ago, on my way into the church our family attended in Pennsylvania, I spotted the Lost and Found box in the entry way and decided to look through it to see if I could find my son's missing blue mitten. There was no blue mitten in it, but there was a pair of glasses in there. A set of keys. A watch. There is a lot that can show up in the lost and found box of your life lying in there unclaimed while you go about your ministry. It's possible to lose a lot of things and keep on keeping on." -- Alyce McKenzie

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude Prelude in D Major

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 30

One: We will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted us out of the depths.

All: O Lord our God, we called to you for help and you healed us.

One: O Lord, you spared us from going down into the pit.

All: Sing to the Lord and praise God's holy name.

One: You turned our wailing into dancing and clothed us with joy that our hearts may sing to You and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, we will give you thanks and praise forever.

Opening Hymn #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession Psalm 28

One: To you we call, O Lord our Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to us. For if You remain silent, we will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Hear our cry for mercy as we call to you for help.

Prayer of Confession All: Persistently forgiving God, we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience;
yet, instead of giving us up for lost,
you seek us out until we return to you.
Break our willfulness
and bring us back from our wanderings;
bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts,
which rejoice in your forgiveness
made known through Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response #603 Lamb of God

Assurance of Pardon

One: Gather us into your loving embrace, and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven.

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

Response #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain 2 times)

Conversation with Young Disciples

Brittany Brinker

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 51:1-10 Pew Bible, p.452

Special Music The Lord is the Strength of My Life Tina English Brittany Brinker, soprano; Suzanne Busch, mezzo-soprano

Second Reading Luke 15:1-10 Pew Bible, p.850

Sermon One Coin Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

Responding to the Word

from Aotearoa New Zealand

Affirmation of Faith:
All: Christ Jesus,
Child of Mary, God with us,
King and Suffering Servant,
High Priest and Lamb of God,
Teacher and Word,
living, suffering, dying and rising again,
you challenge, redeem and restore us.

Holy Spirit,
Breath of life,
Counsellor and Comforter,
Fire of God,
you inspire, sustain, and purify us.

Forming us in the nature of Christ, transforming us with your gifts, you bind us together in one body, your church.

God of all creation, made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.

A mother who will not abandon her child, a father who welcomes the prodigal home, you forgive, accept and embrace us and call us into loving communion for ever.

In life and death we belong to you, everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hymn #173 A Woman and a Coin

Invitation to the Offering

One: Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards; giving of our tithes and talents to the work of the church; so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. Amen.

Offertory Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee J. Bennet

Mission Focus Volunteerism Counts as Stewardship Rick Irish

Response #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost in our day, receiving these gifts and thanksgivings with your unending compassion. Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Closing Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Matters of Community

Postlude Fugue in D Major J.S. Bach

Charge and Benediction

Resources:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayer/?y=384&season=season_after_pentecost Centering Meditation: www.patheos.com/progressive-christian/lost-found-alyce-mckenzie Image:

Fetti, Domenico, approximately 1589-1623. Parable of the Lost Drachma, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville,

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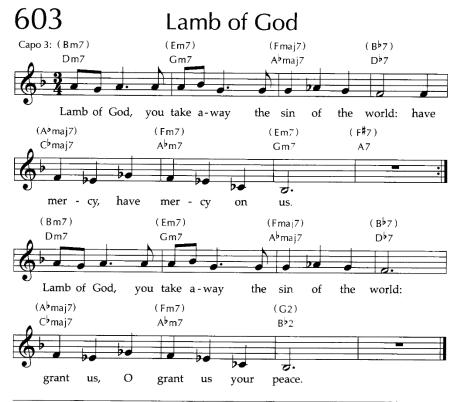
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475 1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come; 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. streams of hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee. Teach me some me-lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God; wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love! to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood. here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



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AGNUS DEI (Vasile)





This text is a summary and interpretation of the three parables of Jesus recorded in Luke 15:3–32. The order has been partly rearranged (the second and first are interchanged) to create an ascending order of significance and to provide a context for the well-known third parable.

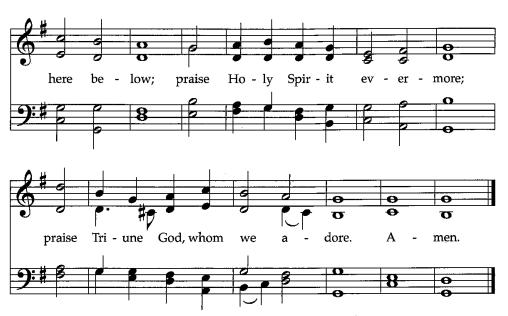
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg OLD HUNDREDTH

SERVICE MUSIC



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.