

In our Prayers: Patty Carroll (cancer); Noah Loney, Steve Wright, Karen Lawing, Judy Schultz, LaVonne Karsten, Dennis & Joyce Arndt, Harold & Beverly Rehberg (health)

This Week (9/14/2025), Lord Willing:

Sun 9/14 9:00 Bible Class/ Sunday School

10:00 Worship*

Wed 9/17 3:30- 5:00 Midweek Confirmation Class

Thurs 9/18 9:00-12:00 LWML Fall Rally – St. John (Newhall)

Sun 9/21 9:00 Bible Study/ Sunday School

10:00 Worship*+

* Available also on Facebook Live (FM 90.5 locally – Sundays only)

+ Holy Communion

Opening Hymn

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

Invocation

LSB 184

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession/Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *(see back of bulletin)*

Ezekiel 34:11–24

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *(see back of bulletin)*

1 Timothy 1:12–17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(see back of bulletin)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609 *sts. 1–4, 7*

Sermon Making God Rejoice

Luke 15:1-10

Offering

Prayers

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

Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they and we seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of the ages, immortal and invisible, the only God, look in kindness upon all entrusted with public office in our land, and grant them wisdom and courage to serve our nation according to Your will. 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.**

We recall with thanksgiving, O Lord, those who served You in days past and now rest from their labors, and we pray that You would keep us in fellowship with all Your saints. By this holy communion, give us grace to sustain us through the changes and chances of this mortal life, and keep us to that day when Christ shall call us unto Himself and we shall know Him face to face in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

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Worship Attendance: Sanctuary 67; Live stream 44+;

Sunday Bible Class: 15 **Sunday School:** 4

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