

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service for the Lord's Day
September 14, 2025 – 11:00 am

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Meditation for Worship

Franklin Ritter

PRAYER IN PREPARATION

***Call to Worship**

The Lord looks down from heaven
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

**They have all gone astray,
there is no one who is good,
no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge,
those who devour God's people
and do not call upon the Lord?

O that our deliverer would come!

**Lord, restore our lives
and make us glad.**

***HYMN 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

#1 O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

#2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

#3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

#5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,**

**that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted,
truth is spoken,
and life is restored.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Act of Praise – Gloria Patri** p. 581

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28
pp. 660–661 in pew Bibles

PSALM READING

Psalm 14
pp. 468–469 in pew Bibles

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 1:12–17
p. 196 in pew Bibles

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1–10
p. 73 in pew Bibles

SERMON

"The Lost and Found"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 417Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

SOUTHWELL

#1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

#2 Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.

#3 Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

#4 Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory**

Come Like Driving Wind, O God
Psalm 68

Sethus Calvisius 1594

***Doxology**

p. 606

Prayer of Dedication*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****JOYS AND CONCERNS****PRAYER OF INTERCESSION****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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

HYMN 187Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADURY

#1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

#2 We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

#3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

#4 Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

PROCESSION*"This movement symbolizes taking the Light of Christ out into the world"****BLESSING*****POSTLUDE***Variations on tune "Bradbury"*

William Bradbury

*The Liturgist today is Nancy Tait***Prayer List**

- Roy Scarborough
- Deryle Perryman, Jimmy's friend
- Prayers for Marci Mills and Sage
- The James Langford Family
- The people of the Middle East
- The people of Ukraine

Announcements & Events

- We are in great need of funds for the snack pack ministry. Especially hygiene items: soap, mouthwash, and razors. Please consider giving a one-time increase to your donation.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 AM Sunday School – Jer. 4:11–12, 22–28; 1 Tim. 1:12–17; Ps. 14; Luke 15:1–10

11:00 AM Worship in-person or Facebook Live

Sunday, September 21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 AM Sunday School – Is. 5:1–7; Heb. 11:29–12:2; Ps. 80:1–2, 8–19 Luke 12:49–56

11:00 AM Worship in-person or Facebook Live