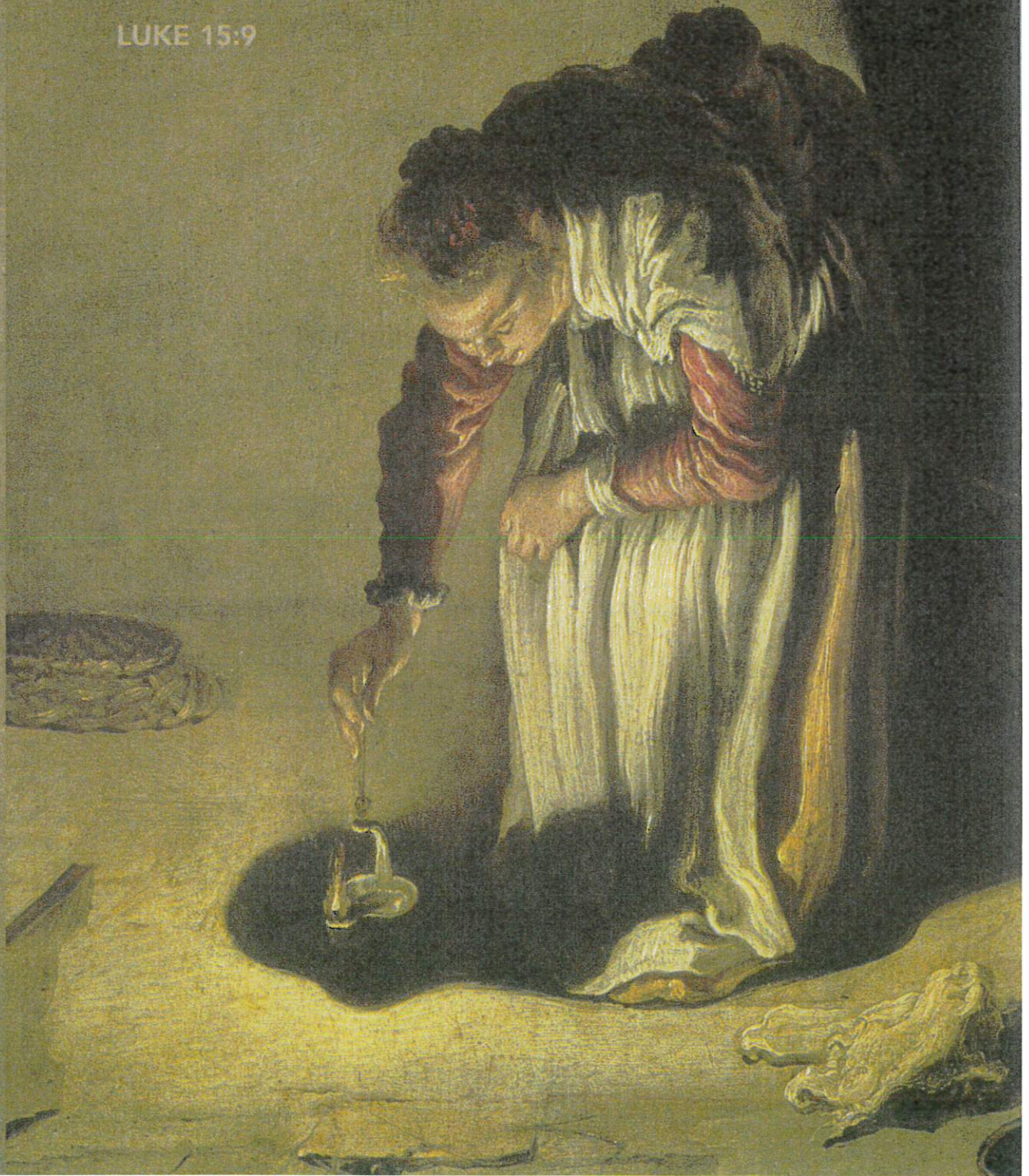


I have found the coin  
that I had lost

LUKE 15:9







# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 10, 2022 5:00pm

Sunday, September 11, 2022 9:00am

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

PRELUDE

"Gather Your People"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86 C F C Am G

Come to- geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec - tion from the liv - ing cen - ter of it all.

*Last time Fine*

F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.  
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.  
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

F C Am F

But all is read - y will you come? Love in - vites the way.  
 With each oth - er we are one, here in Je - sus' name.  
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

"Enter In"

Gently

C Am<sup>7</sup> Dm

En-ter in - to His pres-ence, en-ter in - to His

4 G Dm G<sup>7</sup> C

love. En-ter in - to the pres-ence of the Lord by His

8 C C<sup>7</sup> F

blood. En-ter in - to sal - va-tion by the blood of the

12 Fm<sup>7</sup> C Am<sup>7</sup>

Lamb. En-ter in - to the throne room— of

15 Dm<sup>7</sup> Em/G G<sup>7</sup> C Fine F/G

the Great I Am. En-ter

18 C Am<sup>7</sup> Dm

in - to His pres-ence and re - ceive by His

pres - ence; let us bow be - fore Him, give Him  
 glo - ry and hon - or — as we en - ter in.  
 En - ter in - to the throne room of  
 God by the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.  
 Praise Him, praise Him; sing of His great  
 love as we all en - ter in.

46 Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Em/G G G<sup>7</sup> C D.C. *al Fine*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.  
<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from First Timothy.

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us O Lord”

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day." The score includes various chords: D, Dmaj7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, and A. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics written below the notes.



## **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**ANTHEM**

"Here I Am to Worship"

Jubilation

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"*

*The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*



# SHARING OF THE PEACE

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

$\text{♩} = 108$

Em C D Em

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.  
Teach us to live your king - dom here on earth.  
of - fer in joy what you first come to us gave:

Am C D

Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.  
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.  
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7

Help us, oh Lord, to feel the  
Re - mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're  
Re - ceive them all now, this is our

C D Em B (last time end on Em)

pain bound in our sis - ters' eyes.  
prayer by in bap - tis - mal birth.  
in in Je - sus' name.

We

## OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

## COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

Chords: Eb (D), Bbm/G (Am/F#), Ab (G), Eb/G (D/F#), AbMaj7 (GMaj7), Gm7 (F#m7), C7 (B7), Eb (D), F (E), F7 (E7), Bb7 (A7), C7 (B7), Eb (D), F (E), F7 (E7), Bb7 (A7), Eb (D).

Lyrics:  
Lamb of God,  
Bread of Life,  
Prince of Peace,  
Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.  
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

"Nothing But the Blood"  
"White As Snow"

Jubilation

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

"Fill Me"

VERSE 1

Fill me with Your Spir - it and take Him not a -

way. Fill me with Your pow - er to

7 G A D

walk in Your way. (fill me) Fill me with Your

10 F# Bm G Dsus D

love; let me love You more to - day.

13 Em C A7 G6

Fill me, (Lord) Lord Je - sus, I pray.

16 D A D<sup>VERSE 2</sup>

Guide me with Your

19 Bm G Em7 Asus A

light; let it shine on my way.

22 D Bm G

Guide me with Your truth; let me know You more each

25 A D F#

day. (Take my hand) Take my hand and guide me lest I

(Continued on next page)

28 Bm G Dsus D Em C

wan - der a - stray. Guide me, (Lord) Lord

31 A7 G<sup>6</sup> D

Je - sus, I pray.

34 Em Asus A D

A - men.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**





## Peripheral Vision

Look straight forward and raise your hand on the side where you see the blinking light in the corner of your eye.” Maybe you have taken a peripheral-vision test at an optometrist’s office or at a DMV while renewing your driver’s license. Peripheral vision, like peripheral hearing and other sensory parallels, is the ability to perceive things that occur outside the center of one’s focus.

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells a story about a shepherd who seems to have good peripheral senses. He loses one sheep out of a hundred and immediately notices and sets off to look for it. This story may be so familiar that it is easy to take his actions for granted. But should we? It seems that many people looking at such a large group of nearly identical animals would have a difficult time noticing the disappearance of just one.

Yet this is precisely what Jesus does throughout his ministry. He is always noticing people on the margins of society whom others don’t see—whether because of disease, profession, gender, economic status, or past wrongs. Again and again he is criticized by other religious leaders for moving beyond the people they are focused on and toward others they see as peripheral. As Jesus’ followers, we are called to let him shift our attention to people who need the love and attention of God—even when it takes us beyond the comfort of our normal focus.

Today, as you gather to worship, ask yourself: Who is missing from the picture? Who is at the periphery of your assembly? Who is Jesus inviting to this table? In your church, in your community, in your neighborhood, or in your work, who does Jesus see that you have missed, and what would it look like to seek after them?

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**GRACE - GIFTED      FAITH - LIFTED**  
**CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 September 10 & 11, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at [faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://faithlutheranelldridge.com).


**CHILDREN** are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

**VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Kathy Stoltz and family in celebration of Ed's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, [www.faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheranelldridge.com)*



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Mary Flenker	Sue Vogel
H.O. Nelson	Mary Ann Anderson	Andrew Arp
Sheila Baustian	Janet Bowman	Norman Harms
Sally Puls	Florence Whisler	Kim Pierce
Duane Miller	Roger Lewis	Jeanette Myers
Kory Winter	Ed Stoltz	Mary
Tim Winter	Judy Knoer	Kelly
Jensen Spencer	Jan Kluever	Vaughn
Ann Kuehl	Michael Schafer	Chey
Carol Judge	Bob Morehead	Ty
Carolyn Scheibe	Patty Mixdorf	
Madison Russo	Melissa Alden	





## **Bishop Amy Current, Southeastern Iowa Synod, to Visit September 17 and 18**

On Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, Bishop Amy Current will be with us for worship. She will be preaching and bringing greetings from the larger Southeastern Iowa Synod. We will also have opportunities after each of the services for conversation with Bishop Current. She will share with us some of the ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and she will give us the opportunity to ask her questions that we might have. We hope you will join us on this weekend to help us welcome Bishop Current to Faith Lutheran Church.

### **Bishop Amy Current**

#### **Southeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Rev. Amy Current is a pastor in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served the Southeastern Iowa Synod in the office of bishop since 2020. She is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (B.A.) and Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.).

Prior to her role as bishop, Current served as vice president for admissions and student services at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She also served in various leadership roles at Wartburg Seminary including director for financial aid and stewardship formation, director for public communications, and interim director of the Center for Youth Ministries. Born and raised in North Dakota, Amy was honored to serve as pastor of Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church in Harwood, N.D., as pastor of Golden Ridge Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D., and Congregational Lutheran United Church, Gardner, N.D.

Bishop Current serves on the boards of Grand View University, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Wartburg College, and Unity Point Health - Des Moines.

Bishop Current is married to Rev. Dr. Samuel Giere, who serves as professor of biblical interpretation at Wartburg Theological Seminary. They have two children, Isaac and Shonagh Current Giere. The family has two miniature Australian shepherds, Archie and Otis.

Bishop Current enjoys reading novels, kayaking, snowshoeing, walking, sharing meals, lingering in conversation, watching tv and exploring through travel.



It's not too late to come and be a part of People of Praise choir or Resounding Joy! chime choir. People of Praise, for singers who are high school age and up, rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Resounding Joy! chime choir (for folks high school age and up) also rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. (Please note that you must be able to read music to participate in the chime choir.) Come join the fun and fellowship as we make music together! If you have questions, feel free to contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, 386-2896, or [susan.becker1995@gmail.com](mailto:susan.becker1995@gmail.com).

**CHURCHES UNITED MEAL - Service Opportunity** Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that help to feed the hungry. Our church is scheduled to serve September 20th, 5:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Service in the World committee has planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There will be a signup posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex with spots for donating food items, food preparation and serving the meal.



### OFFERING COUNTERS

### OFFERING COUNTER TRAINING

We are looking for a few good people to help with counting the offering after each worship service. No experience necessary!

A refresher/training session for all counters will be Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:15 AM. Grab a cookie and coffee after worship and join us to learn about this important job. Also there will be a sign-up sheet for the rest of 2022. Pick the dates that work for you!

If you are unable to attend this training, but would still like to be a counter, we will be happy to arrange for training on another day. Please call Rhonda Webber (319)230-1228 to serve, or with any questions about the Counter responsibilities and training, You may sign up for the scheduled training session at church, or by calling the office. ***Thank you for serving!***



**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** - Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a mobile blood drive with ImpactLife Blood Center Monday, October 24th, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Please mark the calendar and consider donating. Contact Tom Carlson to schedule an appointment: (319)231-0845 or [carlson.thomas@mchsi.com](mailto:carlson.thomas@mchsi.com)  
Thank You!

### New Members Class



Join us **October 2 at 11:15 am** for a simple meal and conversations to help us get to know each other. If you plan on attending, please call or email the office. New Member Welcome will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.



September 3 & 4  
5 pm: 27  
9 am: 44  
Online: 60  
Total: 131

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, September 10	5 pm	Jubilation Worship
Sunday, September 11	9 am	Jubilation Worship
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Congregational Breakfast &amp; Rally Day!</b>
Monday, September 12	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6 pm	Lion's Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 13	1 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, September 14	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7 pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy!
Thursday, September 15	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday, September 16	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 17	5 pm	Worship
	6pm	Fellowship with Bishop Current
Sunday, September 18	9 am	Worship
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Fellowship &amp; Conversations with Bishop Current</b>
	10:15 am	Sunday School



**JOIN US for Congregational Pancake  
Breakfast and Sunday School Rally Day  
September 11, 10:15am**