

Holy Communion
Sunday, September 15, 2019
Pastor - Rev. Larry Pinnow
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: **WOV #770 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry**

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Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: 51:1-10

Second Reading: 1Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: Title

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Communion Hymn: **WOV #783 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

Sending Song: **WOV #752 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2019

Pastor Larry Pinnow grew up on a farm south of Brodhead, Wi. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Luther College, Bachelor of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, a Master of Sacred Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Wartburg Seminary.

Larry served congregations in Racine, Monroe and Madison. Since retirement he has served 12 congregations as an Interim.

Larry has been married to Mary for 25 years. He has three children with his first wife who died of cancer, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He loves to read history, travel and enjoy their house on the north side of Madison.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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on the web site.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Bless pastors, deacons, and all church leaders in their ministries, so that your gospel is shared through their faithful leadership and living. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect and preserve habitats and biospheres, especially in places damaged by natural disaster or human alteration. Restore balance to deserts, oceans, polar regions, and temperate areas. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Instruct all the world's people, nations, and governments in ways of justice, mercy, and peace. Lead us away from the idols of power, war, self-centeredness, and fear. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (commemoration of Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, c. 258) Psalm 73. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179) Jonah 3:1-10. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, 1961) Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6. **Thursday** Psalm 113. **Friday** Romans 8:31-39. **Saturday** (Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist) Matthew 9:9-13. **15th Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

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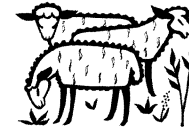
Show mercy to the lost, welcome to the outsiders, and comfort to the suffering and dying. We pray for all who need your healing and constant presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen those who work with people in crisis: firefighters, police officers, hospital staff, chaplains, nurses, doctors, emergency responders, staff and counselors in rehab centers and women's shelters. Give them wisdom and compassion, so that those in need are well-supported and cared for. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the beloved sheep of your fold who have died and who now find life in your eternal glory. Embrace us as we hope and rejoice in your unfailing redemption. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Celebrate

Sunday, September 15, 2019
14th Sunday after Pentecost

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to 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.

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.**

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they 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!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now 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."

¹¹But 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? ¹²Why 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. ¹³Remember 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.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.



Have mer- cy on me, O God, ac- cord- ing to your stead - fast love.

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

²Wash me through and through ¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹ from my sin.

³For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹ in your judgment. **R**

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth ¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹ deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.

⁸Let me hear ¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹ may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face ¹ from my sins,
and blot out ¹ all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean ¹ heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹ it within me. **R**

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full ac-

ceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"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? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And 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.' ⁷Just 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.

⁸"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? ⁹When 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.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."