

Pentecost 14, September 11, 2022, Order of Worship
(Luke 15:1-10; Ps 51:1-10; Ex 32:7-14; I Tim 1:12-17)

RALLY DAY!

Announcements/Concerns/Joys

Call to Worship

Prayer in Memory of 9/11/2001 (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Hymn *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (1,4) LBW 566, HP 634
(Kristin, please make slides for verses 1 & 4, LBW #566. Thanks!)

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2021, Augsburg Fortress, p. 250)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: 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.

P: 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.**

***Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, with a mother's love and a father's care you have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of children. Your Son welcomed them and gathered them into his arms. As together we bring them up, give us gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom, so that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn *Jesus Loves Me, this I Know* KIDS COME FORWARD! HP 892**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x) The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **Refrain**

Blessing of Teachers, Sunday School Kids, and Backpacks

A reading from Exodus, the 32nd chapter (32:7-14)

pew Bible, p. 138

After each reading: "The word of the Lord." **"Thanks be to God."**

A reading from 1st Timothy, the 1st chapter (1:12-17) (reading from *The Message*, E. Peterson)

***Alleluia**

LBW, p. 83

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

***The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter (15:1-10)**

Before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

***Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (1,2,3)

LBW 526, HP 6, ELW 802

***Apostles' Creed**

LBW, p. 85

***Prayers** (God of grace, **hear our prayer**)

***Communion**

***Blessing**

P: May 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.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Lord, Speak to Us, that We

LBW 403, HP 568, ELW 676

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you!

C: Thanks be to God!

The **Blessing** and **Dismissal** are from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2021 Augsburg Fortress, p. 202.