



SOTC Worship  
September 11, 2022  
Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GOD IS HERE!

ELW 526  
vs. 1, 3, & 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin 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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloved of God:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

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.**

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**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.**

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## WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

<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.

### PSALM: PSALM 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty,  
**a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being;  
**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

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

<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.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.  
**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 our Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

ELW 608

APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

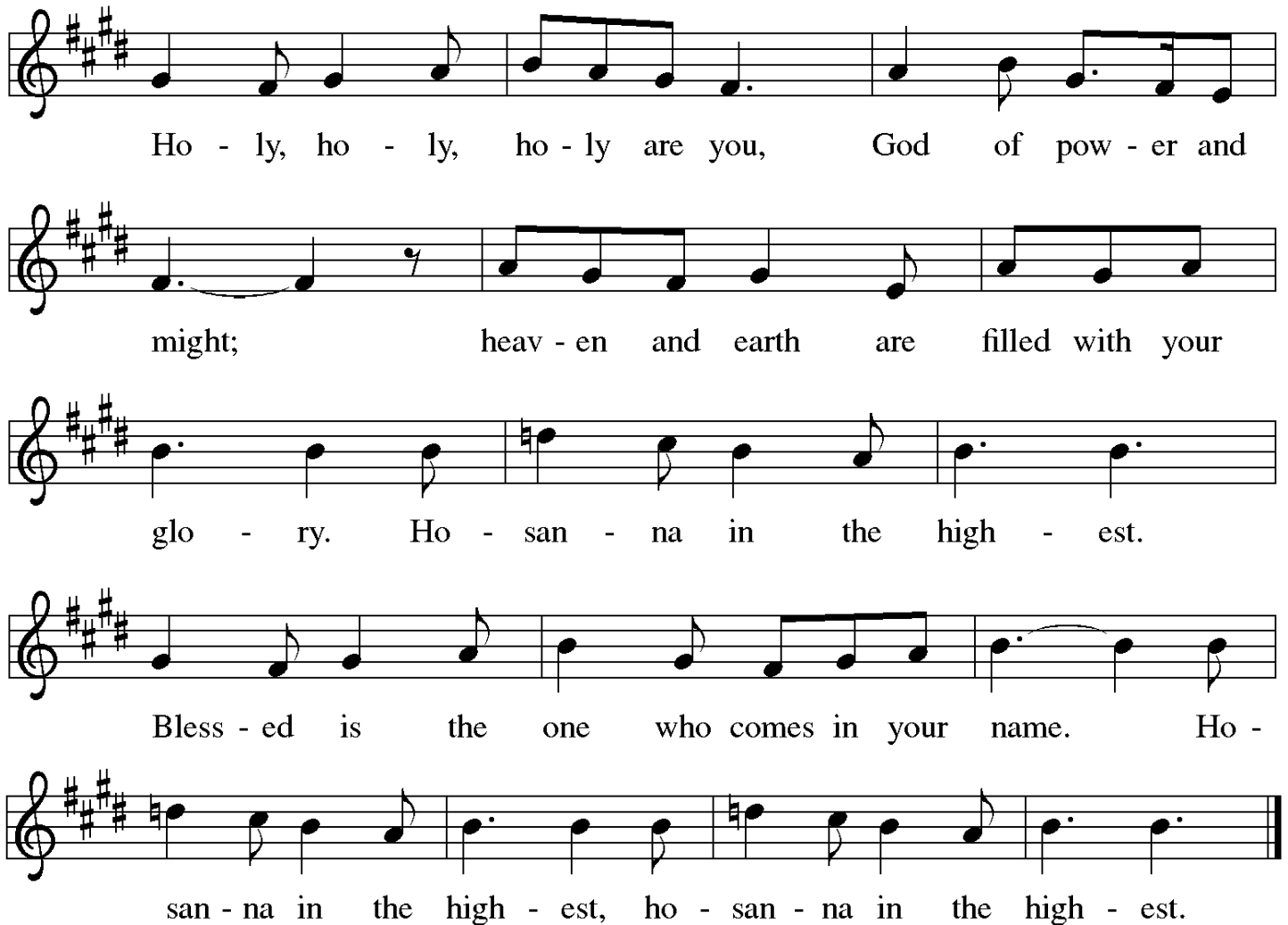
GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine,*

remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,

grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD  
 MY SHEPHERD, YOU SUPPLY MY NEED

ELW 801  
 ELW 782

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

Go Now



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,  
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*  
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. *In - to the world as a serv - ant*  
*En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
*va - mos con Dios.* Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior  
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,  
*va - mos con Dios,* *va - mos con Dios.* *Va - mos,*



go now, go now with God.  
*va - mos,* *va - mos con Dios.*



Go now, go now, go now with God.  
*Va - mos,* *va - mos,* *va - mos con Dios.*



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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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