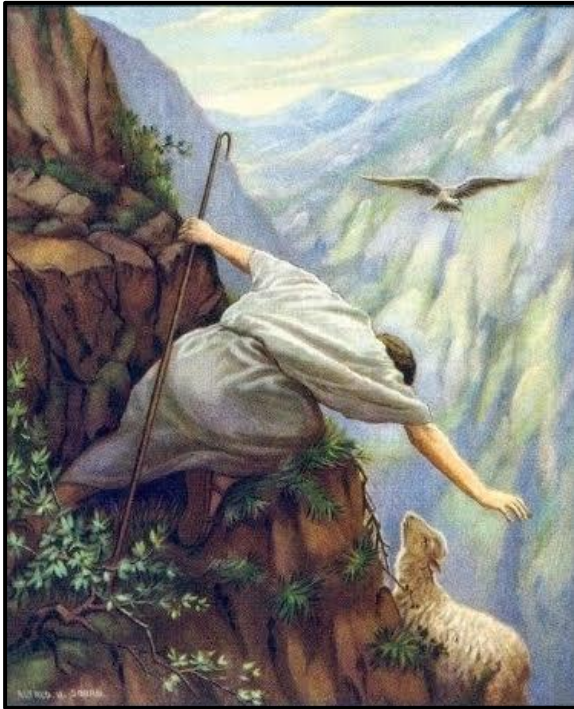


September 14, 2025
14th Sunday After Pentecost



Today's Theme: Pharisees, Sinners and Sheep

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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*Please stand if able

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier;
People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Leader: Loving, Teaching, Empowering;
People: Let us worship God.
Leader: With eyes to see,
People: And ears to hear,
Leader: With lips to sing,
People: And Hands to help:
All: Let us worship God in the Spirit of Holiness.

We Worship as We Rejoice

Praise Team

We Worship Together in Belief

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

We Worship in Song

***Hymn: “Let All the People Praise Thee” Hymnal #77**

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Scriptures Psalm 20, Ezekiel 33:11, 1st Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-7

Psalm 20:

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- ¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.
- ³ May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.
- ⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.
May the LORD grant all your requests.
- ⁶ Now this I know:
The LORD gives victory to his anointed.
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.
- ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***The Gospel: Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)**

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

***Gloria Patri Hymnal #33**

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests

Prayer Chorus “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”. Hymnal #670

Silent Prayer/ Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Ministered to by Special Music

Awesome God. Lee Sharp

We Worship With Our Gifts

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Offertory Prayer**

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. Pharisees, Sinners, and Sheep”. Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*** “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Hymnal Vs 1, 2 & 3 #130**

***Benediction**

Postlude. Deb Mitchell