

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA
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We welcome all visitors who are worshiping with us today. Please stay for coffee fellowship after worship. Thank you to Retired Pastor Cathy Hedmark for today's sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

Invocation

L: We Worship as we live in the strong name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Confession and forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: I have good news...God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the strong name of Jesus Christ+, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Song "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult" #494 LBW

Greeting/Kyrie

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

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #448 LBW

Prayer of the Day

L: 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

Readings:

First Lesson- Exodus 32:7-14

Psalmody- Psalm 51:1-10

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Second Lesson- 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Holy Gospel - Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

Retired Pastor Cathy Hedmark

Song "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

734 WOV (tune IH 201 3 vs)

Affirmation of Faith

L: We confess together...

C: God is love, and God is the source of all goodness and truth. God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate with us a kingdom of compassion for all humankind. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary, lived a life of kindness and concern, died a cruel death on the cross, and was raised on the third day to new life. I can live as a forgiven sinner, confident of my place in eternity. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, alive and at work, building the kingdom of God on this earth. The Spirit of God leads me into the true faith, guides me through difficult choices of life, and comforts me when I feel I cannot go on. God is with me, living inside me, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you. (Share a sign of the Lord's peace with each other)

Offering of our Gifts. Now we join millions of Christians all over the world in joyfully responding to God's goodness through the giving of our financial resources. We thank you in advance for your generous and faithful giving, because it is only because of your giving that our mission and ministry can continue. We teach the biblical truth of tithing and now we worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Offering Prayer

L: We Pray together...

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#262 LBW

Blessing

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Thank you to today's worship servants: Audio Visual – Mason Spaulding Altar Guild: Volunteers Reader: Anne Marie Mast .
Thank you to all other worship and behind the scenes volunteers for your help today!

Announcements:

Sept 15 – Health Council 4:30 pm at Oak Lake church

Sept 16 – WELCA at 9:30 am; Oak Lake Church Council & Joint Parish Board Meetings at 6:30 pm

Sept 17 – Oak Lake Confirmation and Wednesday night Sunday School at 6 pm

Sept. 20 – Fall Festival 10 am-2 pm, Silent Auction, quilt raffle, crafts, farmer's market, flea market, soup/sandwich and pie luncheon.

Sept. 21: 10:00 Property Committee meets; Worship at 11:15 (*outdoor worship continues weather permitting*).

Bike ride on Munger trail from Sturgeon Lake to Moose Lake (and back). Meet at 2 on the trail in Sturgeon Lake.