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**Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 14, 2025**

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #460 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Creation Collect of the Day

Ever present God, whose Son our Savior was lifted high upon the cross that he might renew all Creation through himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our restoration, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him on his way to bring new life to all things; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

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

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? 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. 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.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Psalm: Psalm 51:1-11 BCP: Page 656-657

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 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, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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. 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. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal #708 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

So he told them this parable: "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?"

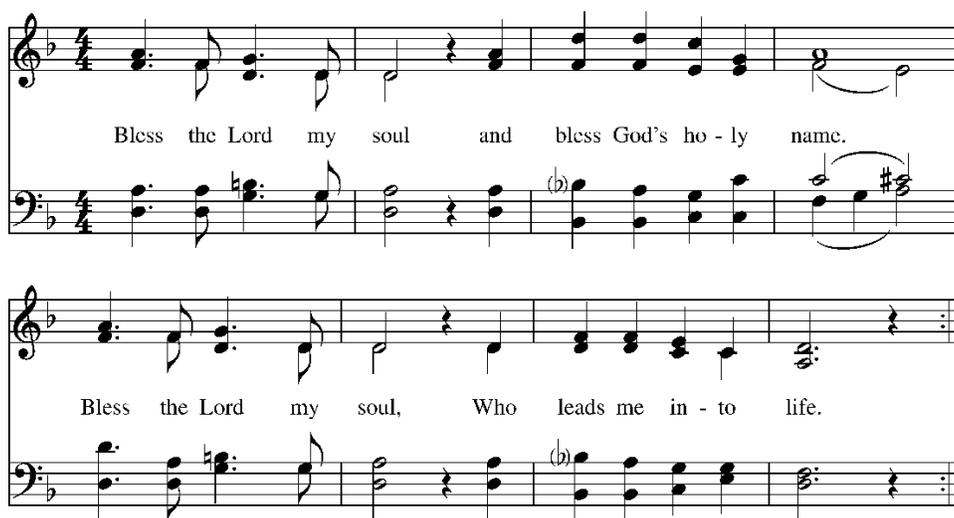
When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, `Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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

Offertory Anthem: Solo By: Becky Messer

Communion Hymn

Hymn #1: Bless the Lord my Soul

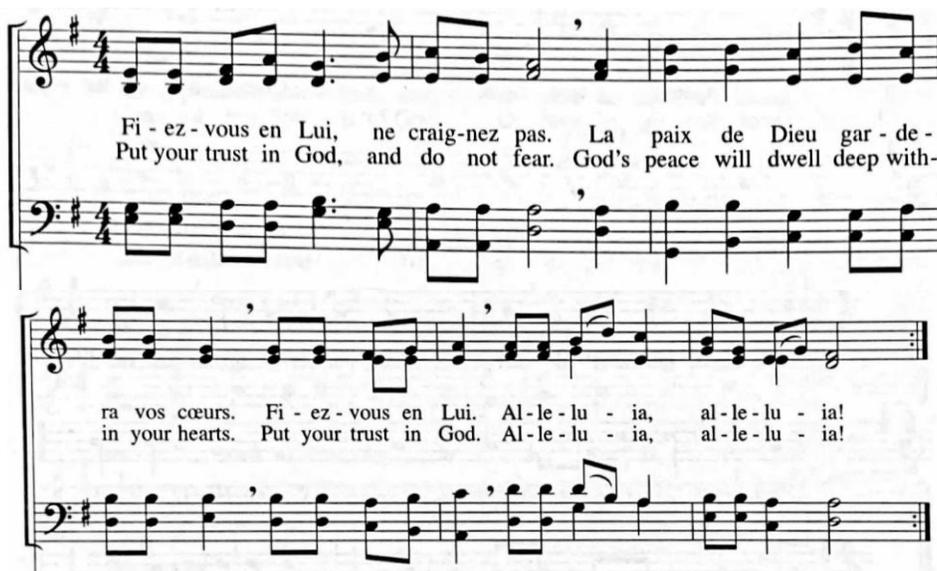


Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Hymn #2: Put your trust in God



Fi - ez - vous en Lui, ne craig - nez pas. La paix de Dieu gar - de -
Put your trust in God, and do not fear. God's peace will dwell deep with -

ra vos cœurs. Fi - ez - vous en Lui. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
in your hearts. Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Processional Hymn: Hymnal #423 Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Presider: The Reverend Gail Bernthal

Deacon: The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key

Guest Musicians: Rebecca Messer

Readers: Kim Stuebben & Pam Johnston

Counters: Priscilla Metry & Joe Kieta

Coffee Hour Host: Beth Pitcock

CATHEDRAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. James Produce Market Offering:** We are seeking donation for our monthly Produce Market. Last month we provided food to over 225 families with over 1,300 individuals. It is your contribution, and more than 30 volunteers from our three services that supports this ministry. You can contribute cash or check after the service, or on the St. James website under the "Give" tab and select the Produce Market Fund.
- **Produce Market:** Our produce market happens on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next one is on Tuesday, September 16th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All who are in need are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Deacon Nancy or email admin@stjamesfresno.org.
- **Formation Series – The Parables of Jesus:** Starts Thursday, September 18th at 11 a.m. in the Chapter conference room. Based on Thomas Long's latest book, the class will look at each of the parables Jesus told and were recorded by each of the gospel writers. Look for interesting discussions as Emily Niblick leads the class in reading and learning about each parable as we examine and discern the sometimes-hidden meanings of the ways Jesus foretold the coming of God's Kingdom.
- **Fiber Art's Sew Days:** All Are Welcome! Happening every Wednesday and 4th Saturday of the month. In the Education Wing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Formation Series - Sunday Morning Scripture Reflection:** Please be advised that Scripture Reflection meets at 8:50 a.m. in the Fireside room. All are welcome to join.
- **Building a Future without Gun Violence:** Enough Gun Violence/Brady is hosting an event happening Saturday, September 20th from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fresno City College.
- **Pastoral Care:** St. James offers pastoral care to anyone in need. If you, or someone you know needs pastoral care, please call the office at 559-439-5011 Ext. 704.
- **Christmas Market Workshops:** Join us as we begin our workshops to prepare for this year's Cathedral Christmas Market. All are welcome to join in no experience is needed! Workshops will take place in the new Arts & Education Wing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
 - **Sunday, September 14, 2025:** Wooden Nativities (11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
 - **Saturday, September 20, 2025:** Clay Ornaments Plus (In the Cathedral kitchen from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
 - **Saturday, September 27, 2025:** Clay Ornaments Plus (In the Cathedral kitchen from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

Bishop Nominees Meet & Greet

Sunday, September 14, 2025

3:30 p.m. Refreshments

4 p.m. Q&A with Bishop Nominees

**Join us for an opportunity to meet the
nominees for Diocesan Bishop at
St. James Cathedral for the Central
Deanery meet and greet.**

**CATHEDRAL MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

**At a later date the Cathedral will host
discussions led by our voting delegates.
Additional information and date to
follow.**