

There will be  
more joy in heaven  
over one sinner  
who repents

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer As You Enter:** *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.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Christian Education Committee

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives,  
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune  
with one another and with the living God.**

Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us.

**God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon  
when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.**

Let us silently confess our sin before God.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, 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.

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

## COLLECT FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray the collect together.

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. Open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

# THE WORD OF GOD

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

*The sinfulness of the people will surely bring their destruction. God's searing wind of judgment, in the form of a massive foreign army, will reduce the land to its primeval state of waste and void, as it was at the beginning of Genesis.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## **THE PSALTER**

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?**

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

**You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

**When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St. Luke 15:1-10

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

***Glory be to You, O Lord.***

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

SERMON

**“The Search is On!”**

Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PEOPLE’S OFFERING

### OFFERING DEDICATION

Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share. Because there are many who do not enjoy your bounty, we search for ways to help them. Thank you for showing us the way of mercy and patient example, the way of generosity and self-forgetful service, the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration. Bless us and our offerings, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen." Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding heart to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. On this commemoration of the September 11<sup>th</sup> events, remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

### **BENEDICTION**



**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Scott & Jane Owens** in honor all first responders who protect us every day and remember several of them lost on September 11, 2001.

**The Worship Aids** are given by **Brenda, Harry & Gary Himelwright** in memory of LouAnn Himelwright.

**Money Counters:** Bud & Kathy McCarty, Scott Owens, Jeff Hackenberger, John Shelsky

**Building Trustee:** Hank Fox

**Lector:** Rev. Sandy Morris

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Enders

**Attendance for Sun., September 4** 7:45–14 9:30–57 **TOTAL – 71**

## Happy Birthday!

Monday – Michael Wagner, Dr. Rebecca Wagner

Tuesday – Mary Witmer

Wednesday – Denise Huggins, Christine Oetama

Thursday – Dr. Scott DeLong

Saturday – Beth Bossert, Christine Eyer, Jill Otthofer

## This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 6:15 PM–Music Committee

7:00 PM – SOT Choir

Wednesday 7:00 PM – Finance Committee

Thursday 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Friday 6:00 PM – Decorate Float

Saturday 8:00 AM – Meet at church for East Pete. Day Parade

7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA

Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:30 AM – Eucharist

**It's time to get ready for the  
2022 East Petersburg Day  
Parade!**

*Trinity U.C.C. Catch The Vision...Share The Jo*

**Saturday, September 17th**

**Meet at the church at 8:00 AM**



We will be decorating the float on September 16<sup>th</sup> around 6 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Herb Charles, Jane Portser, Tom Wolf (son of Donna Wolf), Judie Bistline, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Jeannie & Bill Toy (sister & brother-in-law of Lainie Christensen) Carmen Richards, Donna Zirkel, Pat Seachrist, Don & Pat Miller, Brian Barr (son of John & Dolly Barr), Sam Minder III, Marlin “Moe” Weaver (brother of Dottie Schadt), Carole Connor, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Robin McComsey (neighbor of Himelwrights), Rylan Brent (relative of Chuck & Sue Husted), Hank Fox, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner), Don Pfeifer (husband of Denise Pfeifer), Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke’s), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Jim Newcomer (cousin of Sandy DeLong), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Phyllis Zimmerman, Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever’s brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach’s brother), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry’s granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger’s brother-in-law), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Doris Leaman, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

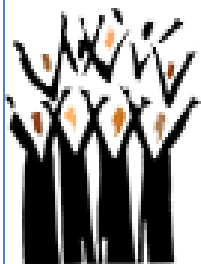
**DEVOTIONALS:** The July-September edition of *These Days* are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

**THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Here is information about the various classes:

1. The Young Children's Class (5 years old and younger) will meet in the nursery on the second floor by the elevator.
2. The Primary Children's Class (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet in the lower classroom and will be using the Seasons of the Spirit lectionary based curriculum.
3. The Middle/High School Class will be meeting with the adult class and use the youth study of *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton. There will be opportunities for a youth breakout session during the classes.
3. The Adult Class will meet in Isenberg Hall. They will finish two chapters in *Practicing Our Faith* (their textbook from last year) and in October will begin using *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Faith* by Adam Hamilton.



## Calling all Singers and Ringers 2022-2023 Season Starts



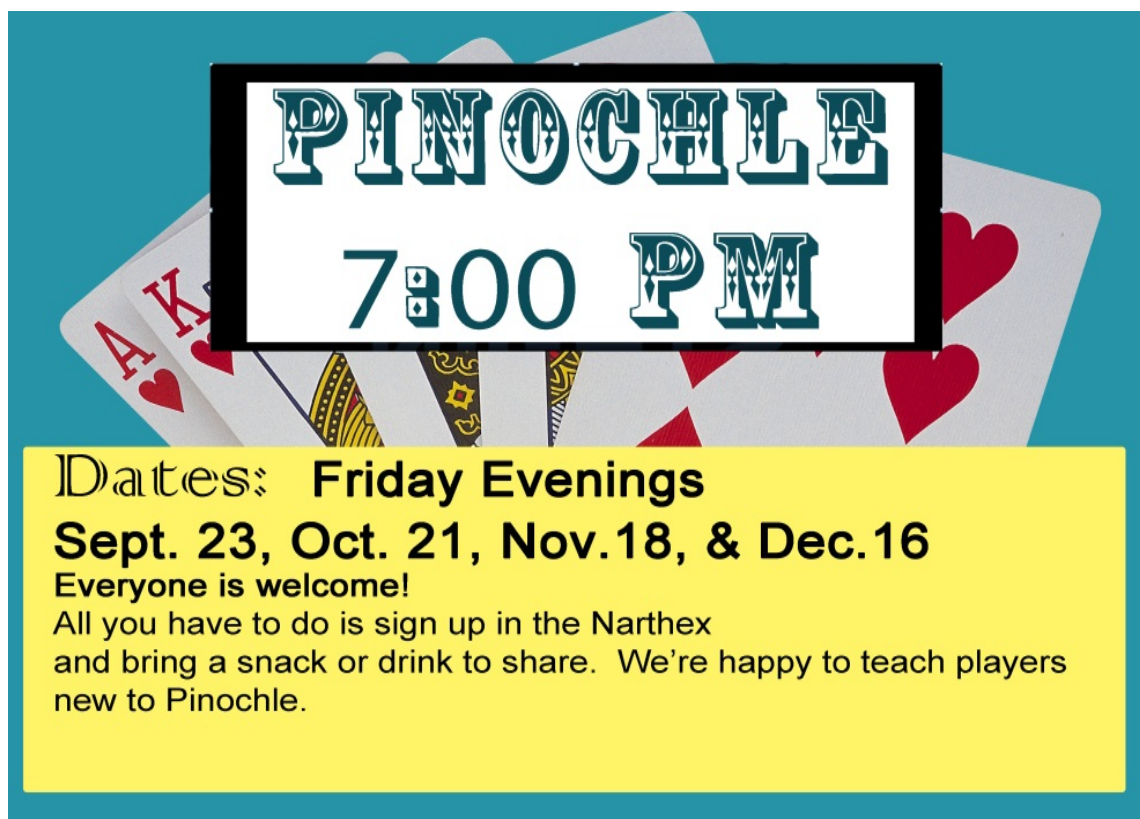
September 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM SOT Choir

September 19, 8:15 - 8:45 PM Canticle Ringers

**\*New Singers and Ringers Welcome  
Contact Michael or Dina Slechta**

## 2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: October 9, & 23. Upcoming dates for worship aids are: October 16, 23 & 30.

A promotional poster for a Pinochle event. The background is a teal color with several playing cards fanned out, including the Ace of Hearts, King of Hearts, and Queen of Hearts. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered on the cards, containing the word "PINOCHLE" in a large, blue, serif font with decorative flourishes, and "7:00 PM" in a smaller, blue, serif font below it. Below the white box is a yellow rectangular area with black text.

**PINOCHLE**  
**7:00 PM**

**Dates: Friday Evenings**  
**Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, & Dec. 16**  
**Everyone is welcome!**  
All you have to do is sign up in the Narthex and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

**NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR:** Betty Fogle has agreed to serve as our nursery coordinator. If you are interested in providing nursery care for children during worship, please contact Betty.

**TRINITY MEN'S GROUP:** The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on September 24 at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**WEDDING INVITATION:** Lauren Lichtenwalner & Matt LaRouche invite the members of Trinity Church to attend their wedding ceremony at Trinity on September 24 at 3 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in joining Trinity U.C.C.? Do you know of someone looking for a church home? Please speak to Pastor Chris about joining our congregation.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters:** To welcome worshippers at the door for the second service.

**Ushers:** We have returned to passing the offering plate during the second service. We are in need of a few more ushers to complete our teams.

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 7:45 a.m. and/or 9:30 a.m. services.

**PRAYER SHAWL:** The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall or Nancy Enders for more information.

**PEANUT FELLOWSHIP** will resume on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 2 PM with a potluck lunch. The peanuts will cost \$6 a pound. Please call Pat Seachrist (717-392-1427) to order peanuts. We need help with this project. Futures dates for the Peanut Fellowship are: October 11 & 25, November 1, 15 & 29. The order deadline for Christmas is Tuesday, November 1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**SUPPLIES FOR PRESCHOOL:** We are collecting supplies for the preschool. There is a box in the hallway to collect your donations. They need crayons, tape, little paint brushes, markers, paper and gift cards. You can get the list from the table in the hallway.

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR:** Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on September 15 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

**7:00-8:30 PM**  
Sanctuary

# Stewardship Seminars

**October 13** Office of Aging - *What's it all about and what services are available to a retiree? - Lon Wible (Executive Director)*

**October 20** Financial Planning - *Rodgers and Associates*

**October 27** Long Term Care - *Mark Eyer (Masonic Village)*



# CROP Hunger Walk



## The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lancaster CROP Walk

October 16, 2022

Registration at 1:00 pm

Celebration Event at 1:30 pm

Walk Begins at 2:00 pm

at the

Annunciation Greek  
Orthodox Church

64 Hershey Ave.  
Lancaster, PA



*Matt Barcaro (WGAL)*



*Father & Mrs. Veronis*

Honorary Chairpersons

Please join us as we walk to help feed those that are much less fortunate than we are. How can you help?

We invite you to sign up and join our team, **Trinity East Pete** and walk with us on **October 16**. If you would like to join the team to walk and/or donate to this very important mission, you can do so one of two ways. You can click on the link to our team's website below or if you have a smartphone, you can just scan the QR code. Either way will take you directly to our team's website.

Our goal this year is to raise **\$5,000** as a Congregation so please consider what you can afford to contribute.

Look for the sheet on the table across from the church office to sign up as a walker. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP!



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-east-pete>

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

(C) PROPER 19  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

**SECOND LESSON. 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.

**GOSPEL. Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 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.”

