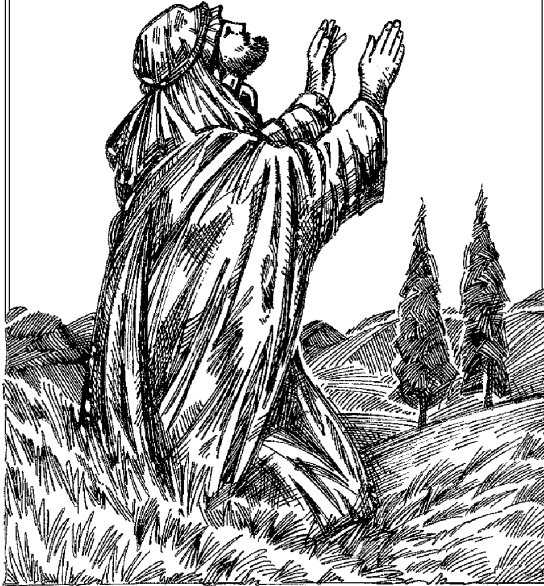


A broken and
contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

Psalm 51:17



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, You are the only true and living God. By Your Grace You called us to be your children, and have invited us to come before you in worship and praise. Grant that we may worship you in spirit and in truth so that our worship is pleasing in Your sight. Let Your saving grace work in our hearts and cause us to grow in our faith and love for You. May you strengthen us for the week to come that in all things we may live as Your dear children and give all glory to Your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HYMNS: 234; 342; 324:1-6; 324:7-8

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

The Children of Israel fell into grievous sin at Mount Sinai. This sin angered and offended the Lord, as does all sin. This sin demonstrated that Israel deserved to be punished with death, as our sin clearly reveals that we deserve nothing but punishment. Moses interceded for the people on the basis of the Lord's precious gospel promises which were to be fulfilled in this people. The Lord, for His name's sake had mercy on Israel, and turned His wrath away, and forgave them, as He has done also with us in Christ Jesus.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners! Paul, who saw himself as a chief among sinners, also saw how he was then a glorious example of God's forgiving grace. So we also believe unto everlasting life, and share the good news of God's grace that may be seen in our salvation also. We join Paul in praising the only wise God, for the salvation He has given this sinful world in Christ Jesus.

THE SERMON: Luke 15:1-10

Theme: Jesus Receives Sinners

- I. Jesus Criticized for Associating with Sinners
- II. Jesus' Search for the Lost Soul

III. The Lord's Joy Over Each Sinner Who Repents

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church council follow the service this morning.

SATURDAY: Catechism class at 9:00 in Lakes Mills.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at St. Paul's at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service. We will begin a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Delegate Conference in New Ulm beginning at 3:00 p.m. Sermon text: Luke 16:1-13.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 23-25: Pastor Barthels will be attending Board of Regents and CLC Coordinating Council meetings in Eau Claire, WI.

October 1-2: Minnesota Pastoral Conference in Inver Gove Heights, MN.

October 13: Mission Festival. Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer has agreed to serve as our guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Lincoln Cole, Phil Egtvedt, Andy Ball, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

September Lawn Mowing: Mike Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 8 worship – 30

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,045.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	657.00		
Needed for Year:	37,610.00		
Received for Year:	33,344.25		