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*"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents."*

*Luke 15:10*

**DIVINE SERVICE**                      Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**                      # 609

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**Introit**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go  
down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for  
a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with  
the morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy**

**Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.**

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**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to your forever!**

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**Glory to God**                                      p. 154

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Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom  
nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may  
not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that  
leads to eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24 (ESV)**

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

**Gradual**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. 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 trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He told them this parable: *"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his 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 coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And 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 before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

**Welcome to worship** in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**Sunday School** begins today! Teachers are needed! If you are willing to teach, please talk to Terence, 873-4898, or Pastor.

**Today in Sunday School**, our students will hear how God created people in His own image, including providing them with perfect physical attributes and a lush garden in which to live. Refer to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its explanation in your discussions and say them together as you Grow in Christ.

**Board of Lay Ministry**, please remember our meeting Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Council Members**, please remember our meeting Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**What Is Islam?:** To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. Please join us Sunday, September 19th, as we begin our "What Is Islam" Bible class. In addition to learning about the "Five Pillars of Islam," we will look at what the Quran says about the role of Abraham, the Trinity, angels and jinn (genies), the attributes of Jesus Christ, the character of Muhammad, Judgment Day, and paradise.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from the vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in the faith, Godfred Pfennig. Christian Burial was this past Wednesday. "The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day (2 Timothy 4:6-7)."

**Thrivent Membership Appreciation Supper:** The Mercer-Oliver County Chapter for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite all members and their spouse/guest to the Annual Membership Appreciation Supper. The supper will be held Monday, September 27, 2010, 6:00 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th Street NW, Beulah. Please RSVP to Wes or Jane Gunsch, 873-5615, by Wednesday, September 22nd. If there is no answer, please leave a message, giving all the names of who will be attending.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**

† Our sick and recovering: Marilyn Helm, Berniece Herrmann, & Carolyn Riegel;

† Elsie Pfennig and family, as they mourn Godfred's death.



**Our Stewardship of Offerings  
and Attendance**

Worship: 84 Offerings: \$2,176.00

Paul's stewardship of the Gospel was his pride and joy and he encouraged Timothy to also be a faithful steward by sharing the good news of Jesus. Sharing our faith and hope in Christ is one of the best acts of stewardship we can offer.

