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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

### HYMNS

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### WORD

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

#### FIRST READING

#### Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> 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!' " <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> 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?

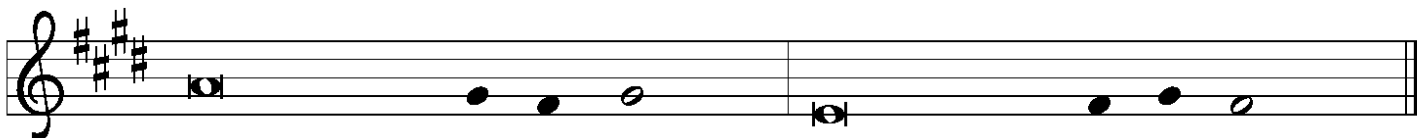
<sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and 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.' " <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

# Psalm 51:1-10



- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,**  
**and cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know <sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup> er before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup> in your sight;**  
**so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup> in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,**  
**and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;**  
**that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,**  
**and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

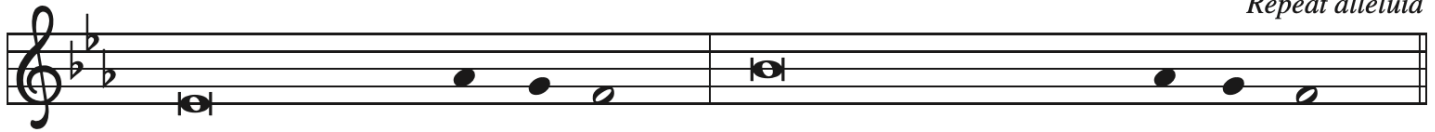
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

## GOSPEL

## Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “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?

<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> “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? <sup>9</sup> 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.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Lynette Chapman

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

**#608 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling***

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**ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY:** Barbara Hack in loving  
memory of Jim Hack

**THANK YOU TO OUR SERVERS TODAY:**

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**FOOD DELIVERY:** Agatha Barnes

**FOOD PACKING:** Lisa Young

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT FORUM &  
DWELLING TOGETHER**

**Sunday, September 14, 10:15AM**

**Adult Forum Topic: Religion and Science in  
Dialog – Led by Susan Barreto**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, September 16, 9:30AM**

**GSLC Choir Room**

**GATHER CU "OKTOBERFEST"**

**Young adults gathering for ages 18-35**

**Thursday, September 18, 7PM**

**Riggs Brewery, Urbana**

**C/SIS WELCA FALL GATHERING**

**"My Cup Overflows"**

**Saturday, September 20**

**9AM-3PM**

**Bring your favorite cup!**

**Registration \$20**

**Sign-up sheet on the Narthex table**

**Door prizes, Silent auction**

**and Fair-trade market**

**TABLE TALK PUB THEOLOGY**

**Sunday, September 21**

**6-8PM**

**Triptych Brewing, Savoy**

**CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP**

**Thursday, September 25, 6PM**

**GSLC Small Group Gathering Room**

**LWR SCHOOL KIT PACKING EVENT**

**Sunday, September 28, 10:15AM**

**GSLC Fellowship Hall**

**All are welcome to help!**

**GSLC BOOK GROUP**

**Sunday, September 28, 6PM**

**SunSinger restaurant, Champaign**

**ORDER YOUR T-SHIRTS AND/OR TOTE BAGS**

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for pre-order. We've extended our deadline  
to Monday, September 15.**

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**QUILT GROUP – Tuesdays 12-3PM-Quilt Rm.**

**MEN'S COFFEE – Wednesdays 9:30AM-Choir Rm.**

**HANDBELL CHOIR – Wednesdays 6PM-Sanctuary**

**CHOIR – Wednesdays 7PM-Choir Rm.**

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



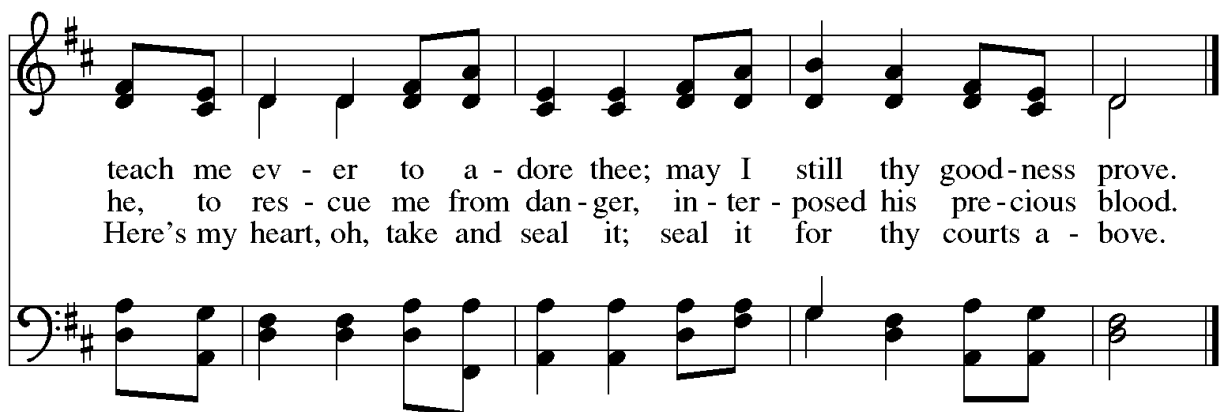
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

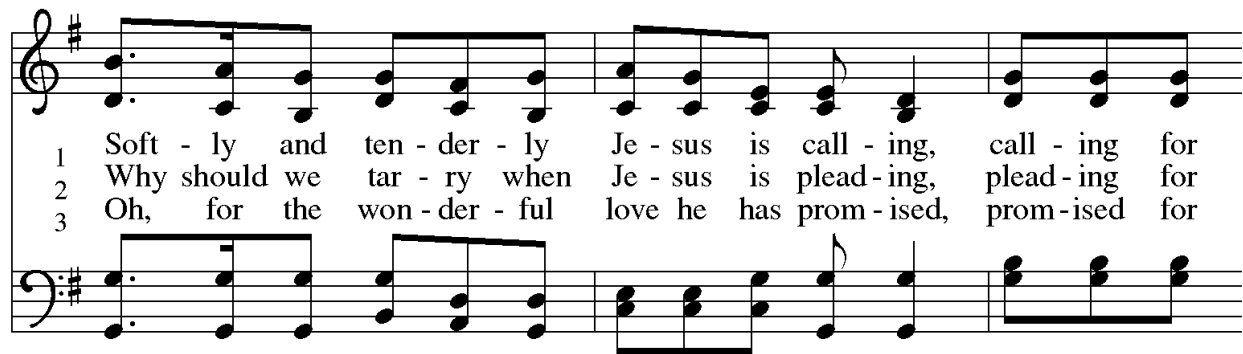


While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

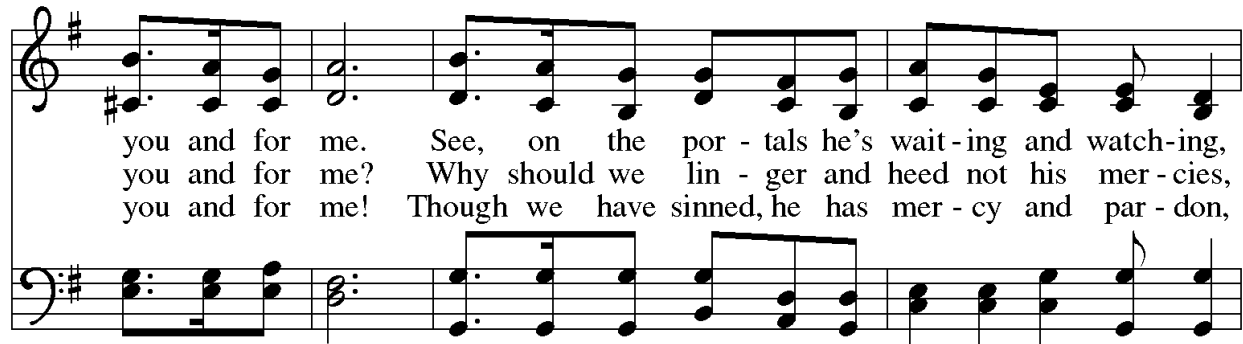


teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

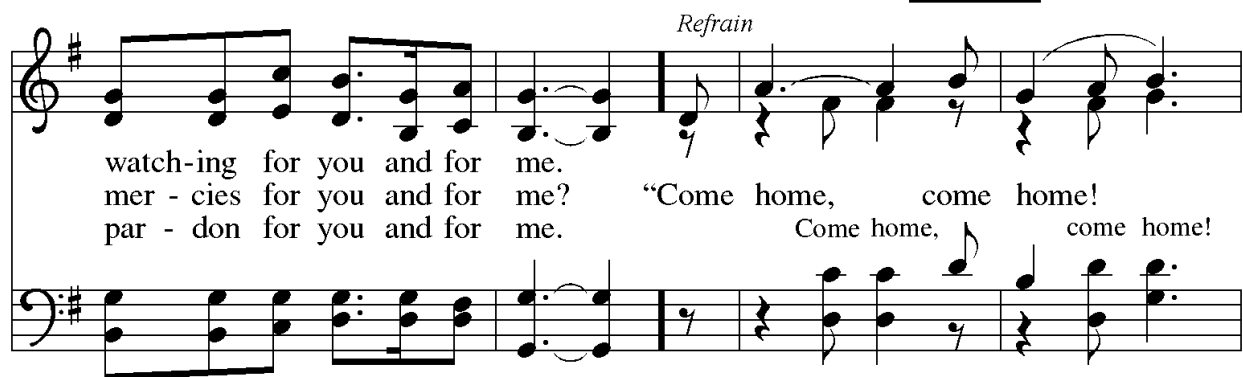


1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

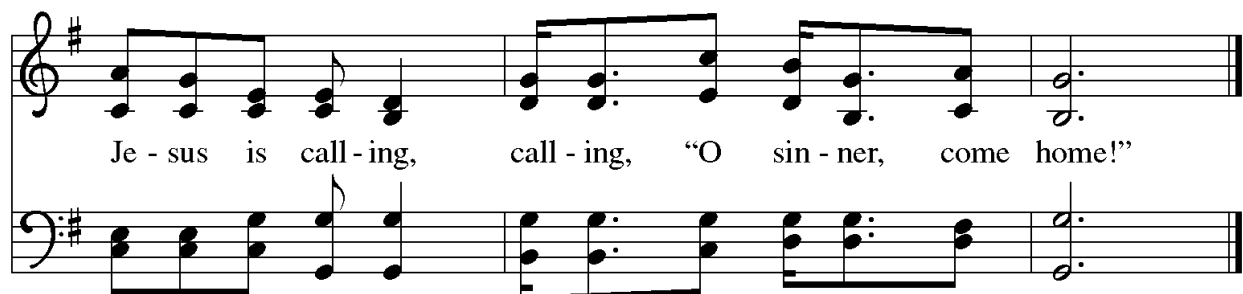
*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

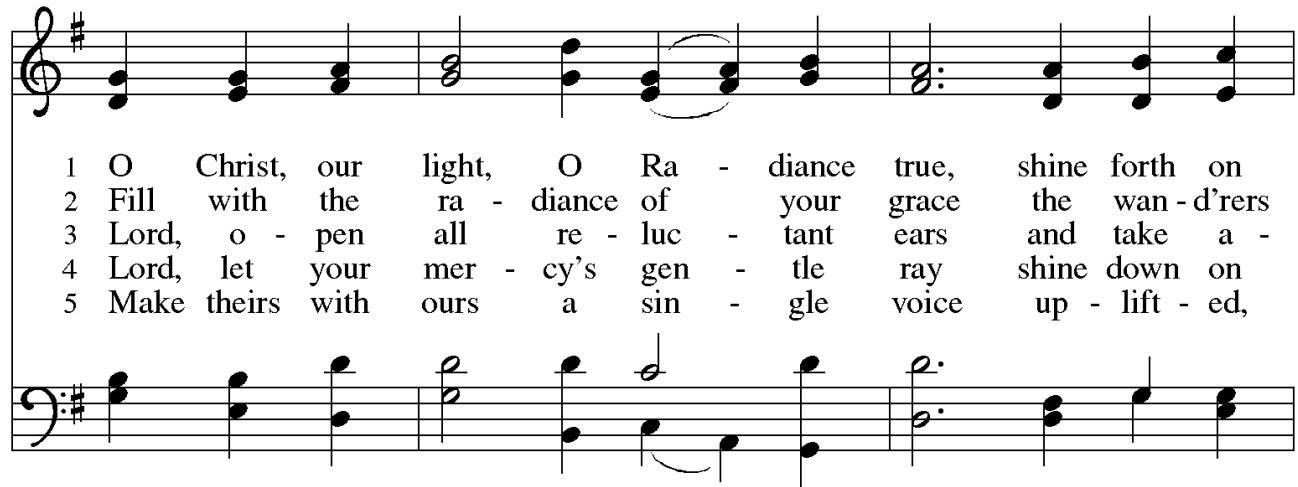
## Offering Song

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. There are several slurs and ties used throughout the score.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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# O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers  
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -  
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on  
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -  
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and  
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -  
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed  
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.  
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.  
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.  
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite  
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676  
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# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains, of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876