

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 worshipped 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 for ever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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 honour and glory for ever 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 neighbours, 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 people 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 neighbours, 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.’



*Saving The Lost*

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

Baptism

Today Aurora Greta Pearl Skjold-Pettersen, daughter of Larisa Skjold-Pettersen and Dylan Carter, is being baptized into the family of God. Sponsors are Shannon Leah Turner, Erica Marie Tmej, and Alex Hendersen. “Welcome, Aurora!”

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are placed by Bertha Bertrand to the glory of God and in loving memory of her daughter, Charlene Robin Bertrand Hansen.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

St. Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church



57 Griffith Street • Welland, Ontario  
email: [stmatts@cogeco.net](mailto:stmatts@cogeco.net) web: [stmatthewswelland.com](http://stmatthewswelland.com)  
Pastor: Reverend Bart Coleman ....Cell Phone (call or text) 289-821-9025  
Home Phone .....289-820-7713  
Email .....[bartsterc@gmail.com](mailto:bartsterc@gmail.com)  
Council Chairperson: Jennifer Rusk Vice-Chairperson: Bob Hansen  
Church Secretary: Jennifer Allcorn Organist: Lily Jasinkas

**Psalm 51:1-10** - Tune: 347 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
*The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.*  
*Leader:* Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**Cleanse my heart, O God, from sin;  
Make my spirit pure within.**  
  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgression, and my sin is ever before me.

**Let your Holy Spirit be  
My companion constantly.**  
  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

**Fill my life once more with praise.  
I will serve you all my days.**

I have been evil from the day I was born, a sinner from my mother's womb. Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom.

**Cleanse my heart, O God, from sin;  
Make my spirit right within.**

Let me hear of joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Let my tongue its skill employ  
To proclaim your saving joy.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**In your mercy pity me;  
From transgression set me free.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cleanse my heart, O God, from sin;  
Make my spirit pure within.**

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Let your Holy Spirit be  
My companion constantly.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**Let my tongue its skill employ  
To proclaim your saving joy.**

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

**Cleanse my heart, O God, from sin;  
Make my spirit pure within.**

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

**Let your Holy Spirit be  
My companion constantly.**

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Let my tongue its skill employ  
To proclaim your saving joy.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**Cleanse my heart, O God, from sin;  
Make my spirit pure within.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

**Let your Holy Spirit be  
My companion constantly.**

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

**Let my tongue its skill employ  
To proclaim your saving joy.**

*Sing Psalms!* By Arden W. Mead. © Copyright 1999/2005 by Creative Communications for the Parish

## Dates to Remember

September 25 Church Council meeting after the service



All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.  
Donation focus for September: Granola Bars

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship,  
Setting 4**  
Greeting: *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

Response: *“And also with you.”*  
**Gathering Song ....876 Let the Whole  
Creation Cry**

Order of Holy Baptism .....Page 227  
Welcome Song.....“You Are a New Creation”  
Prayer of the Day

**WORD**  
First Reading .....Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10 .....printed in bulletin  
Second Reading .....1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel Acclamation .....Page 151  
“Glory to you, O Lord.”  
Gospel .....Luke 15:1-10  
“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Sermon  
**Hymn of the Day .....502 The King of  
Love,  
My Shepherd Is**

Prayers of Intercession  
Prayer Response ... “hear our prayer.”  
Peace (non-contact  
gestures)

**MEAL**  
Offering Prayer  
Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152  
Eucharistic Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer .....Page 154  
Communion  
“Lamb of God” .....Page 154  
Communion Hymns .....608, 185  
Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**  
Blessing  
**Sending Song .676 Lord, Speak to Us,  
That We May Speak**

Dismissal:  
Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
“Thanks be to God.”