**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

\*Please stand if able…

PRELUDE

**Welcome and announcements…**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

**People: God is our hope and our refuge.**

Leader: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

**People: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

September 14th Warren Ross

September 21st Don Peterson

September 28th Norma Purkat

**USHER SCHEDULE**

September 14th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

September 21st Candace Barshaw

September 28th Warren Ross

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

Septemer 8th-14th Jagunich

September 15th-21st Matteson

September 22nd-28th Kern

Scripture Readings for next week (September 21st )

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coffee An’ is today…. Bob and Barb Kern will be serving.

A new Bible Study will be starting soon – Pastor Mary Lou will be calling to check with people on the best days and time. She will also have ideas on what the study will be on.

\*OPENING HYMN: *To God Be the Glory*  98

**OPENING PRAYER**

**O God of heaven and earth, bless us with your mercy and grace. Enter our hearts and make us holy. Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways, that we might not wander alone. Hear our cries and gather us to yourself, that we may be one with each other, through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of heaven and earth, be with us in our need. Though we often go astray, we seek your love and mercy. Though we often listen to fools who say, “There is no God,” our hearts belong to you. Be our Shepherd and guide our ways, for we are lost and afraid and weary of wandering. We long to be welcomed home in your gracious mercy.**

**AMEN**

PSALM READING: Psalm 14 746-747

CHILDREN’S TIME

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Time of Silent Prayers…**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

**AMEN**

\*HYMN: *Savior, Lik a Shepherd Lead Us*  381

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Timothy 1 :12-17

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE Pastor Mary Lou

\*HYMN: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* FWS 2158

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise**

**Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above Ye**

**heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**AMEN**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Steadfast and sheltering God, you are our refuge in every age, our hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them – and us – for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. We give not because all is well, but because you are good.**

**AMEN**

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE