

September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work. Our Hands.

Prelude:
“Just As I Am”
Elliott/arr. Asberry
Pam Asberry, pianist

*Please prepare for
worship by
opening your
heart,
lowering your
voice
and silencing
your cell phone.*

Welcome! ¡Bienvenido!

Amazing Grace
Lutheran Church



Weekly Financial Report:

- Received in offering last week: **\$3,401.00**
- Needed each week to support our ministry: **\$2,800.00**
- Surplus: **\$601.00!**



God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 11



Our annual observance of God's Work, Our Hands will be on Sunday, September 11.

Following the second service at approximately 2 p.m., we will make our way to the Lawrenceville Food Co-operative, at 52 Gwinnett Dr., Suite C, in Lawrenceville, where we will do some painting of their space.

So, join us for this act of service outside of our congregation. We will have a chance to build fellowship with one another, while we serve God with our hands.



**It is time to get underway
with Sunday School again!**

Therefore, to celebrate the return of Christian Education at Amazing Grace we will have a single bilingual service this morning, followed by a carnival of fun activities for the children. We will conclude with a brief Sunday school lesson together.

Please come this Sunday. Enjoy the unity of our combined service, the fun and joy of games and activities to highlight the return of Christian education. Learn more about Jesus while having fun together.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God, like the woman searching for her lost coin, you have sought each of us out in our callousness, and led us here to confess our wrongs against you and our neighbors.

–Silence for Reflection–

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: We thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are relentless in your efforts to find us and bring us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. You remain patient with us even when we are quick to pass judgment on those we imagine to be more lost than we are. We look to our own interest to the detriment of others.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

C: We have failed to show your compassion and mercy to others to whom we have a hard time relating. We confess that even we have sometimes lost our way and need a good shepherd to find us and lead us back. Forgive us all loving God, shower us with mercy, find us while we are busy serving ourselves, and lead us back so that we may serve others with the compassion you have shown us; in the name of the loving shepherd Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Luke 15:7)

P: Jesus said, “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

My friends, experience God’s forgiveness and joy — gifts that lead to new life!

GATHERING SONG

Drawn To The Light (Red Book # 593)

- 1 People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night. Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.**

Refrain

**Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.**

GATHERING SONG

Drawn To The Light (Red Book # 593)

2 How can we tell a heaven from hell
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels,
and we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

**Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.**

GATHERING SONG

Drawn To The Light (Red Book # 593)

3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

**Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.**

GREETING

A: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

C: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

A: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

C: let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: God of abundant grace,

C: may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in all our neighbors. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another.
Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ 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,

PRIMERA LECTURA

1 Timoteo 1:12-17

¹² Doy gracias a aquel que me ha dado fuerzas, a Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor, porque me ha considerado fiel y me ha puesto a su servicio, ¹³ a pesar de que yo antes decía cosas ofensivas contra él, lo perseguía y lo insultaba. Pero Dios tuvo misericordia de mí, porque yo todavía no era creyente y no sabía lo que hacía.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.

PRIMERA LECTURA

1 Timoteo 1:12-17

¹⁴ Y nuestro Señor derramó abundantemente su gracia sobre mí, y me dio la fe y el amor que podemos tener gracias a Cristo Jesús.

¹⁵ Esto es muy cierto, y todos deben creerlo: que Cristo Jesús vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores, de los cuales yo soy el primero.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹⁶ 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.

PRIMERA LECTURA

1 Timoteo 1:12-17

¹⁶ Pero Dios tuvo misericordia de mí, para que Jesucristo mostrara en mí toda su paciencia. Así yo vine a ser ejemplo de los que habían de creer en él para obtener la vida eterna.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRIMERA LECTURA

1 Timoteo 1:12-17

¹⁷ ¡Honor y gloria para siempre al Rey eterno, al inmortal, invisible y único Dios! Amén.

A: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



**Halle, halle,
hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle,
hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle,
hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah.
Hallelujah.**

The Gospel Reading



P: A reading from
the Holy Gospel,
according to Luke,
in the fifteenth
chapter.

C: **Glory to you,
O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

¹ Todos los que cobraban impuestos para Roma y otra gente de mala fama se acercaban a Jesús, para oírlo. ² Los fariseos y los maestros de la ley lo criticaban por esto, diciendo: —Éste recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “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?

EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

³ Entonces Jesús les dijo esta parábola: ⁴ «¿Quién de ustedes, si tiene cien ovejas y pierde una de ellas, no deja las otras noventa y nueve en el campo y va en busca de la oveja perdida, hasta encontrarla?

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

⁵ Y cuando la encuentra, contento la pone sobre sus hombros, ⁶ y al llegar a casa junta a sus amigos y vecinos, y les dice: "Alégrense conmigo, porque ya encontré la oveja que se me había perdido."

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

⁷ 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.

EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

⁷ Les digo que así también hay más alegría en el cielo por un pecador que se convierte que por noventa y nueve justos que no necesitan convertirse.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

⁸ “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?”



EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

⁸ La parábola de la mujer que encuentra su moneda:
»O bien, ¿qué mujer que tiene diez monedas y pierde una de ellas, no enciende una lámpara y barre la casa buscando con cuidado hasta encontrarla?

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

⁹ 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.' ¹⁰

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

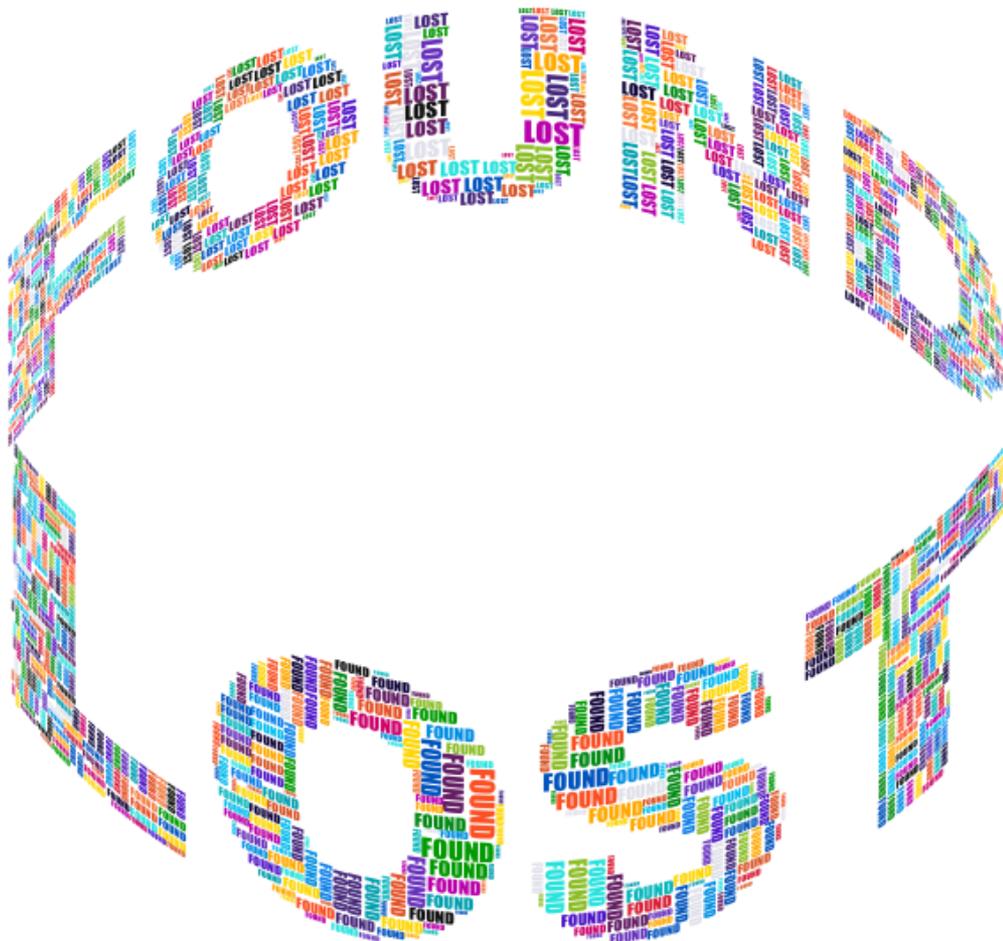
P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

EL EVANGELIO

Lucas 15:1-10

⁹ Y cuando la encuentra, reúne a sus amigas y vecinas, y les dice: "Alégrense conmigo, porque ya encontré la moneda que había perdido." ¹⁰ Les digo que así también hay alegría entre los ángeles de Dios por un pecador que se convierte.»



The Sermon

“Lost And Found”

Pastor Mike
Millum



Choir Anthem

Day By Day

(from Godspell)

Words and Music by

Stephen Schwartz

arr. Norman Leyden

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

EL CREDO DE LOS APÓSTOLES

Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, creador del Cielo y de la Tierra.

Creo en Jesucristo su único Hijo, Nuestro Señor, que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo; nació de Santa María Virgen;

APOSTLES' CREED

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

EL CREDO DE LOS APÓSTOLES

padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos;

al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió a los cielos

APOSTLES' CREED

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES

y está a la diestra de Dios Padre; desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, en la Santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los Santos

APOSTLES' CREED

**the forgiveness of
sins,
the resurrection of
the body,
and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

EL Credo DE LOS APÓSTOLES

**en el perdón de los
pecados
la resurrección de
los muertos
y la vida eterna.
Amén.**



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

***After each petition of
the prayer:***

**A: God of the Lost
and Found,**

**C: Hear our
prayers.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

A time to greet each other with God's peace.



P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

WE GATHER THE OFFERING

Your offering contribution enables us to support and continue the many ministries of Amazing Grace.
Thank you for your offering of worship.

Special Music

Who Am I?

Mark Hall

Debby Brady

You can also give your offering digitally through
Zelle: digital_giving@tisgrace.org



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Caring Shepherd:

C: When we were lost, unable to find even ourselves, you sought us, rejoiced in the lost being found, and restored us to your grace. In our humble gratitude, we bring these gifts, and dedicate a portion of them so that we may become shepherds' eyes for the searching, arms for loving, and hearts for hospitality and welcoming. In the name of the shepherd, Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The God of the lost be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts to the One who searches for you.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: We give thanks to the Lord who is our Good Shepherd.

C: We glorify our God, who does not give up on us, but rescues us when we have wandered away.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: When only the hot wind of chaos blew, and there was no light, you spoke, Immortal, Invisible God. In your wisdom, you shaped us in your image, your grace freely offered. Foolishly, we chased after temptation's dreams, becoming skilled workers in constructing evil out of your good and wonderful gifts. You showed the upmost patience towards us, sending prophets with challenging words to call us back to you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: And when we were too foolish to listen, you sent Jesus to us, who, like a friend who has lost touch with those dearest to his heart, goes to great lengths to reconnect, reaching out his arms of welcome and forgiveness.

P: So, with the company of the saints in glory, with the sinners and losers of this world, we sing our praises to you:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**C: Holy, holy, holy, God whose heart
overflows with faith and love.
Joy echoes down the corridors of creation.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes searching
for the lost.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The wise seek after you, God of Grace and Glory, for you sent Jesus, our Lord to us. Like a woman searching the shadows for a lost coin, he comes, to find your greatest treasure. Like a shepherd who would face danger in rescuing his sheep, he goes, to the cross, experiencing our death, so he can carry us into the resurrected life.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: In the night in which our Lord Jesus was betrayed for us, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

P: After the supper he took the cup. Again he gave thanks and he gave it for all to drink saying, “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: As we come to your Table, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this company of sinners, who long to be right-living people, and on the gifts you have prepared.

P: As we eat of the Bread of Life, strengthen our hearts and spirits, so we may search for the lost. As we drink from the Cup of Grace, may we be found to be faithful, as you appoint us to do your work with our hands.

EUCCHARISTIC

P: And at that time when we will be with you, gathered around the Table of the Lamb with all who were lost, and like us, were found, we will join our voices in singing your praises, God in Community, Holy three in One.

C: Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In the language of your heart, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

C: **Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

PADRE NUESTRO

P: En el idioma de tu corazón, rezamos la oración que Jesús nos enseñó:

C: **Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo;**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PADRE NUESTRO

C: El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en la tentación; mas líbranos del mal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the
kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

PADRE NUESTRO

**C: Porque tuyo es el
reino, el poder y
la gloria, por los
siglos de los
siglos. Amén.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The Lord, who searches high and low for us until he finds us, brings us home where he sets a table, throws a celebration, and rejoices that he has found what was lost! Come and join the celebration of the lost and found. For he has welcomed us all!



THE MEAL



PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

P: Friends in Christ:
Today we give thanks
to God and seek
God's blessing as we
go forth to do God's
work with our hands
as we go to the
Lawrenceville Food
Cooperative.



DROP OFF FOOD



VOLUNTEER



LAWRENCEVILLE CO-OP
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK MINISTRY

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

P: Let us pray. God of the Lost and Found;

C: **Let us be your hands to seek the lost, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people. Amen.**



BLESSING AND SENDING

P: Go now, overflowing with faith and love and seek out those who are lost. Rejoice with heaven over any who turn to God. And may God judge you faithful; May Christ Jesus strengthen you; And may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and grace.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Called

Verse 1

Come live in the light

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord

We are called to be light for the kingdom

To live in the freedom of the city of God

Chorus

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

SENDING SONG

We Are Called

Verse 2

Come open your heart

Show your mercy to all those in fear

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Chorus

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

SENDING SONG

We Are Called

Verse 3

Sing sing a new song

Sing of that great day when all will be one

God will reign and we'll walk

With each other as sisters

And brothers united in love

Chorus

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

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DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

A: Go now in peace, to seek and welcome the lost.

C: Thanks be to God!

