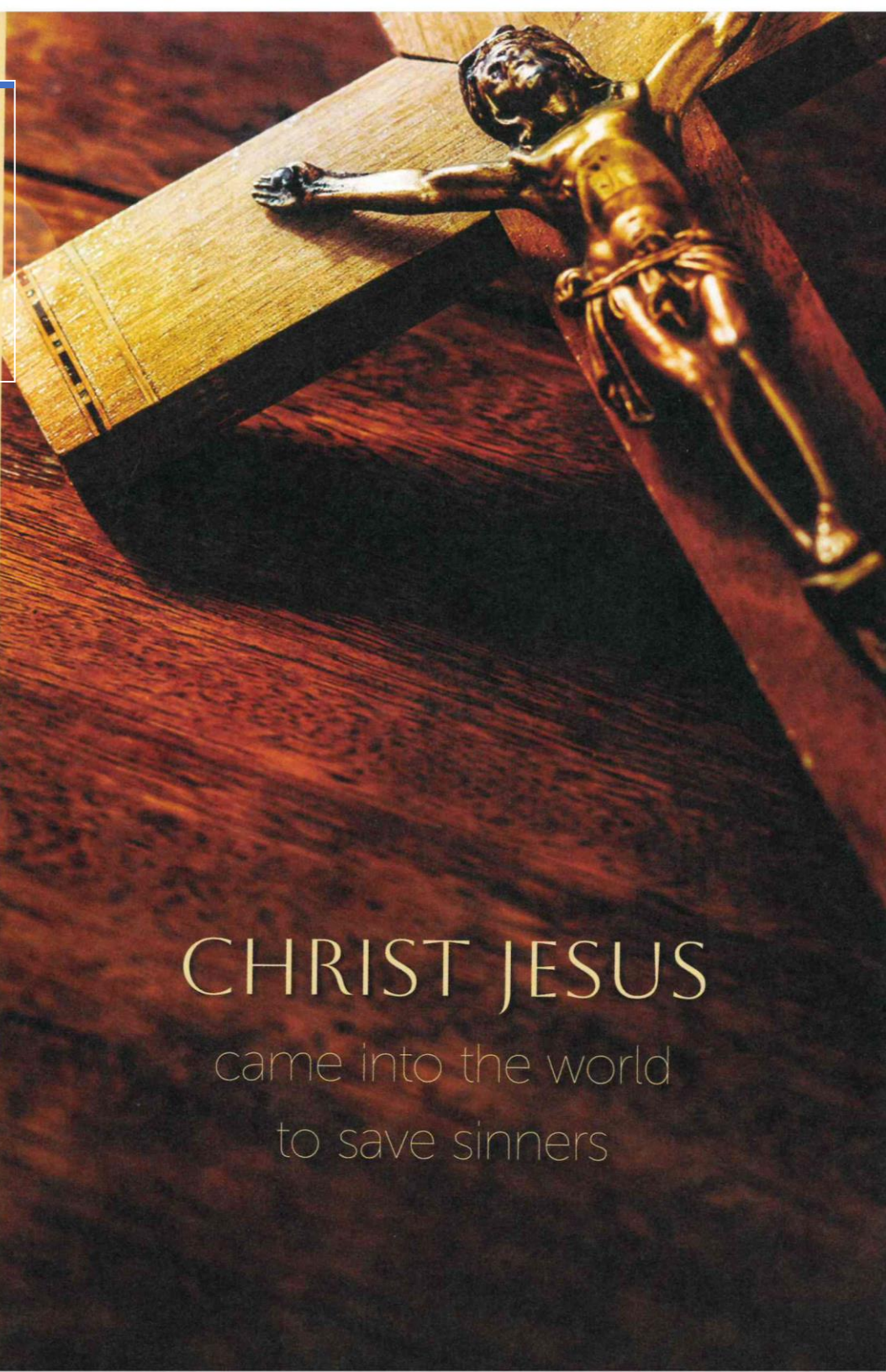


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About The Cover:

The crucifix can bring about many different reactions. On the one hand, it reminds us of the suffering and death that Jesus encountered upon that Roman form of execution, the horror of our sin, and God's wrath poured out upon it. On the other hand, the crucifix is, above all, a reminder of the lengths to which Jesus was willing to go to have us as His own forever. It is a symbol of His outstretched love, as He shed His own blood to forgive and save sinners.



CHRIST JESUS
came into the world
to save sinners

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Theme for Worship: All three of our Bible lessons this morning paint the image of God's people lost and wandering from Him. Ezekiel and Luke (quoting Jesus) both use the image of wandering sheep and the role of the Shepherd to gather His lost sheep and return them to safety. God has promised to be that Shepherd personally, and to also to judge between the sheep when our wanderings cause issues for our fellow humans. Like Paul (who wrote the letter to Timothy,) we will acknowledge that we are guilty of great sinning and needful of Christ's mercy and grace.

♪ **Pre-Service Music**
Ring of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ **Opening Song: "Everything I Am"**

(Sung 2 times)

**Everything I am, everything I have,
Everything I can, I bring to You.
For You alone are worthy,
So I come to give You praise,
And everything I am I bring to You.**

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Introit

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**
P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
C **and you have healed me.**
P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
C **you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
C **and give thanks to his holy name.**
P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
P & C **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.
P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
P & C **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.**

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I 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.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is 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? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:5-17

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Pastor Marty

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“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? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And 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.’ ⁷Just 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.

⁸“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? ⁹And 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.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

♪ Sermon Song: “More Love, More Power”

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

More love, more power, more of You in my life. More love, more power,
More of You in my life. And I will worship You with all of my heart,
And I will worship You with all of my mind, and I will worship You
With all of my strength, for You are my Lord. You are my Lord.

More love, more power, more of You in my life. More love, more power,
More of You in my life. And I will seek Your face with all of my heart,
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind, and I will seek Your face
With all of my strength, for You are my Lord. You are my Lord.

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Sermon: “Wandering Sheep”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering- *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪The Offertory

--Spiritwind

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

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; 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

♪The Closing Song: "Lifesong"

1. Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

Misc 1 (Pre-Chorus)
May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus 1

**Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You
2. Lord I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet**

Misc 2 (Bridge)

**Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You
Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You
Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You**

Chorus 2

**Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing
Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You**

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The Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS September 14, 2025 Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>pianist & soloist</i>	Spiritwind, <i>Angela Pringnitz,</i> <i>coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	TBD – <i>See Pastor Marty if you can help.</i>	TBD – <i>See Pastor Marty if you can help.</i>
Lay Reader	Tom Sawyer	Alyssa Landshaft
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald	---
Videographer/Sound	Mia Yelich	Doug Nelson
Slides	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Alexis Cruz, Hayden Harms	Jen Allen, Will Michels, Chloe Marks

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

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