

Pastor's Bible Study

September 10, 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Read Ezekiel 34:11-24:

1. What do you know about Ezekiel and his book?
2. How was Israel doing during Ezekiel's time?
3. Why do Ezekiel's words in this section stand out to you?
4. Who is the shepherd promised in this section? How do you know?
5. What parts of the promised shepherd's ministry parallel Ezekiel's words in our text?
6. A main theme for Ezekiel's readers and hearers is for them "to know the Lord." What is meant by this "knowing the Lord?"

Read Luke 15:1-10:

1. Ponder the Pharisees and scribes grumbling in verse two, how does Jesus' reception of sinners sit with you?
2. Both the Pharisees and scribes and the tax collectors and sinners are lost people. Is there a difference between the two?
3. Who is represented in these parables?
4. What is repentance?
5. Why is there joy?

Read 1 Timothy 1:5-17:

1. How do these verses tie into the Ezekiel and Luke readings?
2. What does it mean that Paul acted in ignorance?
3. How does Paul's language about the Law strike you?
4. What does Paul's own story reveal to you about our Lord and Savior?

Devotional Thought:

Read Luke 15:1-10. The unrepentant sinner is like a coin lost in the darkness. Once lost, we have no more ability to find the Lord than the coin has to find its owner. Yet, the good news of Christ gives "light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 1:79) (*adapted from TLSB, 1747*).

Prayer:

Thank You, merciful Lord, for seeking us when we have no power to seek You. Amen.