



Sunday, August 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Steve Albertin

“Rescued from the Ditch”

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* (indicates please stand)

Call to Worship My Heart Sings Praises

Announcements

Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Song Step by Step

please be seated

Lesson Colossians 1:1-14 Pew Bible pg 1072

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37 Pew Bible pg 946

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon "Rescued from the Ditch" Pastor Steve Albertin

- Like the Lawyer, we all live our lives wondering what we HAVE TO do to have lives that are meaningful and worthwhile. We may not want the approval of God, but we certainly want the approval of those who are "gods" in our lives.

- In order to justify himself, the Lawyer like us wants to know who is his neighbor and who is not.

- Jesus answers his/our question with the parable of the Good Samaritan, a story with which we have become so familiar that we have become immune to the surprise it wants spring on us.

- On the road to Jericho, a fellow gets beat up, robbed and left for dead in the ditch. Religious leaders, a priest and a Levite, with more important things to do, pass by on the other side.

- BUT here the story surprises everyone! The one who does help the victim is a hated SAMARITAN! This is a guy who takes being a neighbor seriously, even to the point of taking all kinds of risks to help a mortal enemy lying in the ditch.

- It is impossible for us to love like that! When we realize that, Jesus has exposed us for the sinners we are and put us in the ditch. Jesus has us where he wants us. There Jesus comes to rescue us. Jesus is the Good Samaritan.

- Rescued from the ditch we no longer HAVE TO worry about what we MUST DO to be right. Instead, we GET TO go and be a Good Samaritan for others.

* **Song** Lord I Need You

please be seated

The Offering

* **Offertory** We Are an Offering ELW 692

* **Nicene Creed** ELW pg 104

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Members: Tim, Sue, Jean, Carole, Vickie, John, Bucher Family, Schaffs

Family & Friends: Eric, John, Anita, Terry, Bob, Susan, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce,
Randall & Mary, Ross

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song** Everything I Am

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please plan to join us next week after worship for a reception to thank Pastor Steve for his wonderful ministry here at KOG.