



# St Ives Uniting Church

14 September 2025

## Pentecost 14

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 134 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

### Prayer of adoration

### Prayer of confession – Psalm 51

Be merciful to us, O God, because of your constant love.

**Because of your great mercy wipe away our sins!**

Wash away all our evil

**and make us clean from our sin!**

We recognize our faults;

**We are always conscious of our sins.**

We I have sinned against you—only against you—

and done what you consider evil.

**So you are right in judging us;**

**you are justified in condemning us.**

Sincerity and truth are what you require;

**fill our minds with your wisdom.**

Remove our sin, and we will be clean;

**wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.**

**Let us hear the sounds of joy and gladness;**

Close your eyes to our sins

**and wipe out all my evil.**

Create a pure heart in me, O God,

**and put a new and loyal spirit in me.**

Do not banish us from your presence;

**do not take your holy spirit away from us.**

Give us again the joy that comes from your salvation,  
**and make us willing to obey you.**

Spare our lives, O God, and save us,  
**and we will gladly proclaim your righteousness.**

Help us to speak, Lord,  
**and we will praise you.**

Our sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God;  
**you will not reject our humble and repentant hearts.**

**Amen**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven".  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

### **Minister's retreat**

**Hymn:** Be still for the presence of the Lord

### **Bible readings**

Beth Dulin

#### **Luke 15:1-10**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

<sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Lost and found

**Hymn:** 129 Amazing grace

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of intercession**

Ross Lorenz

**The Lord's prayer**

**Hymn: 233 I will sing the wondrous story**

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Deb Marshall