

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Saturday, July 21, 2018*

*5:00 PM*

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## ***GIVING THANKS TO GOD THROUGH WORSHIP***

**Welcome!** We hope that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves you most – Jesus Christ! We invite all worshipers today to fill out the Fellowship Pew Pad during the offering portion of worship. You are also invited to make a prayer request on the green card, which is in the pew rack and then place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We pray God’s blessings upon you and invite you to worship with us every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

### **AS WE GATHER WE PRAY**

*Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The paraments are green, which is the symbolic color of life in nature and so represents our spiritual life in God’s kingdom of Grace.

### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (July 22 – July 28)**

**John 1:12:** *“To all who did receive Jesus Christ, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (NIV)*

### **WELCOME**

### **✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✠**

*(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [*Matt.28:19b*]

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [*1 John 1:8-9*]

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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. [*John 20:19-23*]

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*" – *LSB 912*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### **OLD TESTAMENT: JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

[This is what the LORD says] “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.” *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.** *(Responses are spoken)*

### **NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 2:13-22**

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise*

**ALLELUIA** (*Sung – LSB page 156*)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*[John 6:68]*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (*NIV*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*“The Lord, My God, Be Praised” – LSB 794 (As you are able please rise for verse 4)*

## THE SERMON

**John 1:12:** *“To all who did receive Jesus Christ, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (NIV)*

*Please rise*

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – LSB 805*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You are gracious beyond measure. We give You thanks for all that You provide to support our bodies and lives. Lead us always to look to You as a loving Father who knows what we need and supplies it. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet what others have or turn elsewhere for what only comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, we pray for this great country in which we live, that we may have devout and faithful rulers and good government. For those in positions of authority, whether elected or appointed to serve, that You would grant them clarity of mind, selflessness and wisdom in decision making. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those with afflictions of body and soul, that You, O Lord would look with favor upon all who are sick, weary, grieving or lonely, [*especially*]... Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, use Your people, the church, to help provide for the hungry and homeless. Direct relief agencies to care for those who have little, that all may come to recognize that every good gift comes from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING**

*Honor the Lord with all your wealth; with the firstfruits of all you produce. Proverbs 3:9*

Because we value your presence in worship and desire to serve you as best as we can, please use this time to complete the Fellowship Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Prayer requests may be made by filling out the green card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*As the offering is brought forward please stand and sing:*

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" – LSB 806*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**

## PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together,

**People: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Strengthen our faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. [Matthew 6:9-13]**

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✚ peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” – LSB 861**

## POSTLUDE



*Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.  
It is revolutionary.  
Therefore, it must be intentional.*