



# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (based on Eph. 1:2)

**L:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** (based on Eph. 4:22-24)

**L:** God’s Word has taught us to put off the old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in attitude of our minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**P:** **Almighty God, though the Spirit testifies that I am a new creature in Christ Jesus, I must confess that the old nature is still alive and well within me. My actions, thoughts and words have often lacked righteousness and holiness. I know that I deserve Your punishment on account of my sins and iniquities, but I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. Lord of boundless mercy, for the sake of Jesus’ righteous life and His holy, innocent, sufferings and death, forgive me and restore me. Amen.**

**L:** As a servant of the Lord, I assure you that in the mercy and love of God, Jesus was given for you. He has declared you holy and clean, washing you with water and the Word. By grace through faith Christ presents you to the Father, radiant, without stain, wrinkle or any other blemish, holy and blameless; like Himself. Go with sin forgiven, a new creation in Christ. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE HYMN: “I am but a Stranger Here”**

LSB 748



1 I’m but a strang - er here, Heav’n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav’n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav’n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav’n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav’n is my home;  
What - e’er my earth - ly lot, Heav’n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - ’ry hand;  
And time’s wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord’s right hand;



Heav’n is my fa - ther - land, Heav’n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.  
Heav’n is my fa - ther - land, Heav’n is my home.

## **EPISTLE READING: *Ephesians 2:11-22***

Remember that once you were not Jewish physically. Those who called themselves “the circumcised” because of what they had done to their bodies called you “the uncircumcised.” Also, at that time you were without Christ. You were excluded from citizenship in Israel, and the pledges God made in His promise were foreign to you. You had no hope and were in the world without God.

But now through Christ Jesus you, who were once far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. So He is our peace. In His body He has made Jewish and non-Jewish people one by breaking down the wall of hostility that kept them apart. He brought an end to the commandments and demands found in Moses’ Teachings so that He could take Jewish and non-Jewish people and create one new humanity in Himself. So He made peace. He also brought them back to God in one body by His cross, on which He killed the hostility. He came with the Good News of peace for you who were far away and for those who were near. So Jewish and non-Jewish people can go to the Father in one Spirit.

That is why you are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God’s people and members of God’s family. You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus Himself is the cornerstone. In Him all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. Through Him you, also, are being built in the Spirit together with others into a place where God lives. -GW®

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 6:30-44***

The apostles gathered around Jesus. They reported to Him everything they had done and taught. So, He said to them, “Let’s go to a place where we can be alone to rest for a while.” Many people were coming and going, and Jesus and the apostles didn’t even have a chance to eat.

So they went away in a boat to a place where they could be alone. But many people saw them leave and recognized them. The people ran from all the cities and arrived ahead of them. When Jesus got out of the boat, He saw a large crowd and felt sorry for them. They were like sheep without a shepherd. So He spent a lot of time teaching them.

When it was late, His disciples came to Him. They said, “No one lives around here, and it’s already late. Send the people to the closest farms and villages to buy themselves something to eat.”

Jesus replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to Him, “Should we go and spend about a year’s wages on bread to feed them?”

He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

When they found out, they told Him, “Five loaves of bread and two fish.”

Then He ordered all of them to sit down in groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

After He took the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and blessed the food. He broke the loaves apart and kept giving them to the disciples to give to the people. He also gave

pieces of the two fish to everyone. All of them ate as much as they wanted. When they picked up the leftover pieces, they filled twelve baskets with bread and fish. There were 5,000 men who had eaten the bread. -GW®

**SERMON HYMN: “The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”** **LSB 709**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

**MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
 And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
 And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**NICENE CREED:** (*\*catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy \*catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## **CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:**

**℣:** Almighty God, through these gifts enable Your people to be strong in You and in Your mighty power. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### + *Service of the Sacrament* +

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.***

*To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

*In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LSB 524**



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 How cold my warmest thought!  
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
 And may the music of Thy name  
 Refresh my soul in death!

## “Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: *(based on Eph. 2:16)*

- L:** Through Your own blood dear Lord Jesus You have brought us, once far away, near to Yourself and Your Father.
- P:** Through this gift of Yourself Lord, enable us to be imitators of God and live a life of love, just as You loved us and gave Yourself for us. Amen.

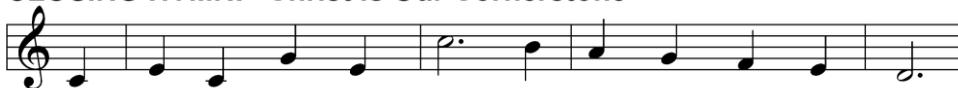
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING: *(based on Eph. 3:20-21)*

- L:** Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all you ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within you, to Him give glory in life and through eternity. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

## POSTLUDE

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"Praise the Almighty" LSB 797

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Tune: *New- vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665; setting: *Christian Worship*, 1993

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"I am but a Stranger Here" LSB 748

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"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

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Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

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"Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861

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Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer  
Lector 8:00...David Akins  
Organist...Robert Bottoms

Crucifer 9:30...Reenie Long  
Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake  
9:30...Chris Cale

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**Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God:**

*~by Dan and Mary Kay Esswein*

*~In celebration of Dan and Mary Kay’s  
49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary~*



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