



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
**Babbtown (Meta 8 am)**  
**Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)**

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**The 9th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 10, 2025**

**Order of Worship:** Printed below  
 (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)  
 or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal *TLH*



**The Ringing Of The Bell**

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn: TLH #1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
 Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
 Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Lord, my God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;  
 Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be.  
 To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
 Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
 So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
 Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
 As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;  
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
 Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes. Amen.

**The Order of Worship, Page 15**

**Invocation:** p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**Confession of Sins p. 16**

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution p. 16**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

**Introit**

**Gloria Patri: p.16 *[Sung]***

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie: p.17 *[Sung]***

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 *[Sung]***

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

**Salutation: p.19**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit!**

## **Collect of the Day**

*(Prayed together):* **Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

## **Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 11:1-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

## **The Gradual** *(The congregation responds with "Halleluiahs!")*

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...*

**C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:22-34*

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

**The Nicene Creed p. 22**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn: TLH #392 "Blest is the Man, Forever Blest"**

**Blest is the man, forever blest, Whose guilt is pardoned by his God,  
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed And covered with his Savior's blood.**

**Blest is the man to whom the Lord Imputes not his iniquities;  
He pleads no merit of reward And not on works but grace relies.**

**From guile his heart and lips are free; His humble joy, his holy fear,  
With deep repentance well agree And join to prove his faith sincere.**

**How glorious is that righteousness That hides and cancels all his sins,  
While bright the evidence of grace Thro' all his life appears and shines! Amen.**

**The Sermon** – Text: Hebrews 11:1-16

*(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)*

**Offertory** p. 22 *[Sung]*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers**

### **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]*

**The Preface:** p. 24 *[Responses Sung]*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**The Sanctus:** p. 26 *[Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** p. 27

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini: p. 27**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* A - - - men.

**The Agnus Dei: p. 28 *[Sung]***

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

A - - - men.

**The Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns: TLH #371 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"**

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, Who from the Father's bosom came,  
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone, Now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Forever doth for sinners plead, For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid. Amen.

**TLH #313 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish.

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor To please Him with our behavior  
And live as brethren here in love and union Nor repent this blessed Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heavenly minded He make us;  
Give Thy church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity; O Lord, have mercy! Amen.

TLH #309 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art! Amen.**

**The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 [Sung]**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:  
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Thanksgiving: p. 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: [Sung] **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31**

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: [Sung] **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus: p. 31**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Sung] **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: [Sung] **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction: p. 31**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [Sung] **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn: TLH #381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"**

**I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing Unmoved I stand upon His Word.  
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts her subtle wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,  
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.**

Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with Thee beside me, I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Thy good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance To every evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure Take Thou me home to Thee  
And let me there inherit All thou hast promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Thy heaven I gain,  
Where I by Thy great mercy The end of faith attain. Amen.

### Silent Prayer

### Announcements

## *Have A Blessed Week!*

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Hymn #392: Scripture: Psalm 32; Blest is the Man, Forever Blest;; Author: Isaac Watts (1719); Tune: "O Jesu Christ, mein's"; Source: "Nuernbergisches Gesangbuch", 1676.

Hymn #371: Scripture: 1 John 1:7; Christi Blut und Gerechtigkeit; Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness; Author: Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1739, cento); Translator: John Wesley (1740); Tune: St. Crispin; Composer: George J. Elvey (1862).

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Hymn #309: Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:15; O Jesu, söde Jesu, dig; O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee; Author: Thomas H. Kingo (1689); Translator: Arthur J. Mason (1889); Tune: Old Hundredth ; Source: "Genevan Psalter," 1551.

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