

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas

*Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your
Father's
good pleasure
to give
you the
kingdom.*



Luke 12:32, NRSV

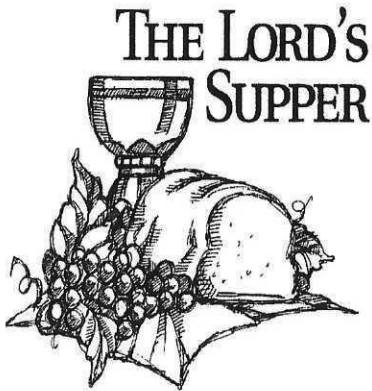
9th Sunday after Pentecost

BEING JAMES BOND

August 10, 2025

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today's readings from God's Word speak of faith in God's promises and in His providence. Abram, later called Abraham, believed in God's promise that (although they did not yet have a son) God would give him and his wife Sarah descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky. The book of Hebrews says that "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus tells us not to worry but to have faith in God's promises. God is faithful. He always keeps His promises. He has already given us His kingdom. We can trust in Him to give us food, clothing, shelter and everything we need for this life, even as, in Jesus, He has given us all that we need for the life to come.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper". Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

**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!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee. Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O 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.
How so e’er temptations thicken, may Thy Word still o’er me shine.
As my guiding star through life. As my comfort in all 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.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

Psalm 32:5

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

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

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

John 20:19-23

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 145:8-16

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

P: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

C: **The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

C: **You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray
and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down on
us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us the things of which our conscience
is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask but through the
merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

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.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 12:22-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**REFRAIN Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**REFRAIN Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**REFRAIN Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Sermon

**BEING JAMES BOND
(Luke 10:1-20)**

Confession of Faith

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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 51:10-12

**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.**

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

Psalms 136

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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 Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: 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 æ 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 is my æ blood of the new
testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you
drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

John 20:19

C: (sung) A - - - - men.

Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

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.

Distribution Hymns

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LSB 702

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear my while I pray. Take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day, be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart. My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee,
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day. Wipe sorrow's tears away.
Nor let me ever stray, from Thee aside.

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream, shall o'er
me roll Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove.
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

**Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish. In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them. In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord His children sever.
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy.**

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness. Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor. There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded, this amazing banquet founded.
He, though heav'nly, high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**Hasten as a bride to meet Him, and with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal, He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, that I nevermore will leave You.**

**He who craves a precious treasure, neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven, God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, none could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, and His blood, for you once given.**

**Now in faith I humbly ponder, over this surpassing wonder,
That the bread of life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven, Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!**

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure. Truest friend and dearest treasure.
Peace beyond all understanding. Joy into all life expanding.
Humbly now, I bow before You. Love incarnate, I adore You.
Worthily let me receive You, and so favored, never leave You.**

**Jesus, sun of life, my splendor. Jesus, friend of friends, most tender.
Jesus, joy of my desiring. Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker,
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Your glory, given.**

**Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven.
On the cross for me to languish, and to die in bitter anguish.
To forego all joy and gladness, and to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, be Your love with love requited.
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me, as Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

**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.**

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

Psalm 107:1

C: (*sung*) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this
salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.
C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been, sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief, ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, as with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen", sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!**

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