

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"God Himself Is Present" *LSB 907*

God Himself is present

Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him

God is in His temple

All within keep silence

Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence

He alone

**On His throne
Is our God and Savior
Praise His name forever**

**God Himself is present
Hear the harps resounding
See the hosts the throne surrounding
Holy holy holy
Hear the hymn ascending
Songs of saints and angels blending
Bow Your ear
To us here
Hear O Christ the praises
That Your Church now raises**

**Fount of ev'ry blessing
Purify my spirit
Trusting only in Your merit
Like the holy angels
Worshiping before You
May I ceaselessly adore You
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

People: O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26*

Pastor: Praise the Lord, for He is good. His love is true and has no end. Praise the God above all gods. His love is true and has no end. Praise the Lord above all lords. His love is true and has no end. No one else does what He can. His love is true and has no end.

People: His love is true, His love is true, His steadfast love will never end.

Pastor: Heavens high are His wise work. His love is true and has no end. He set earth upon the deep. His love is true and has no end; gave the sky its mighty lights. His love is true and has no end; burning sun, cool moon and stars. His love is true and has no end.

People: His love is true, His love is true, His steadfast love will never end.

Pastor: God found us when we were low. His love is true and has no end; freed us from our enemies. His love is true and has no end. He feeds ev'ry living thing. His love is true and has no end. Praise the God of heav'n above. His love is true and has no end.

People: His love is true, His love is true, His steadfast love will never end.

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GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: 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.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis” LSB 154

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People (Sing):

**Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for
your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive
our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the
Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (sing) **Amen**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READIGN *Genesis 9:8-17 ESV*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14-21 ESV*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45-56 ESV*

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of

them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in 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.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Still, My Soul” *LSB 752 Vs 1& 2*

**Be still my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end**

**Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below**

+ SERMON+

“Strains, Pains & Gains”

Text: Mark 6:45-56

Theme: Just as he promised, Jesus is always with us, especially in our strains and pains, to secure for us eternal gains.

Our Goal: That each and every one present would be reminded that Jesus is with us always, as he promised, to give us help and salvation amid difficult moments so that we may not lose hope.

(Please Stand)

HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul” *LSB 752 Vs 4*

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,**

**When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to

pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, *especially*
Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 is Your Word

Incarnate and who on this day spoke Your powerful word of victory over death and the grave by His glorious resurrection, opening 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 singing:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

By the same power that enabled Him to be present with His disciples in the midst of their troubles, fears, and anxiety, He is now here with His saving Word and with the touch of His very presence, giving

us His own body and blood to eat and to drink, a foretaste of the feast to come.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the

final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” *LSB* 735

**Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock;
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock;**

**Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above;
For He stoops down to heal you;
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above.**

**Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts rise to God;
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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 with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the World” *LSB 923*

**Almighty Father bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard
Oh may the precious seed take root
Spring up and bear abundant fruit**

**We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace
Grant Lord that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav’n appear**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavn’ly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS DAY 2!

August 21st from 10 AM to 2PM

Church Picnic to follow VBS Closing

Pre-registrations will be required.

Floors Waxing

August 11th

We cannot walk on them until Sunday August 15th

The office will be closed Aug. 11th – 13th

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Quilting for August

Saturday the 7th & Thursday the 19th

Attendance

Sunday July 18th

9:30 am 35

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Makayla Ladach – July 26th

Gary Mason – July 28th

Jason Trout – July 31st

Kim Armstrong – August 1st

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Dave Brown, back pain issues

Bill Morrison, recovering from surgery

Karen Morrison, vertigo, allergic reaction to medicine

Darin Switter & Family, Safe travel

Barbara Parise, Frank's Sister, Cancer is back and
undergoing more treatment

Gayle French, in rehab, recovering from surgery

Shirley Griffin, upcoming surgery, treatment & recovery