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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, August 7, 2022 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship

8:15 am Sunday Worship

9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class

11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle is from Hebrews 11, the "by faith" chapter. It lists heroes of faith, people who trusted in God's promises, assured of what they hoped for (the definition of faith). The Reading from Genesis singles out Abram believing God, for which God counted it to him as righteousness. Now we can look back, knowing that in one descendant of Abraham, Jesus, all God's promises were kept. His calming words in the Gospel give us the assurance we need to rely on God's care and concern when we don't have all we think we need. "Seek [God's] kingdom, and these things will be added to you," He promises (Luke 12:31).

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: STEP BY STEP Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.
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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 11:1; John 3:16*

P There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

P The tree of life:
C God's promise of salvation.

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
C That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹After 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.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And 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.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1-16*

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By 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.

⁴By 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. ⁵By 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. ⁶And 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. ⁷By 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.

⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore 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.

¹³These 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. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:11-18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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11तर मरियम चिहान बाहिर रुँदै उभिरहेकी थिइन्। तिनले रुँदै चिहानतिर निहुरेर हेरिन्, 12र जहाँ येशूको मृत शरीर राखिएको थियो, त्यहाँ सेता वस्त्र लाएका दुई स्वर्गदूतहरूलाई, एक जना शिरतिर र अर्का पाउतिर बसिरहेका तिनले देखिन्।
13उनीहरूले तिनलाई भने, "नारी, किन रुन्छ्यौ?" तिनले उनीहरूलाई भनिन्, "तिनीहरूले मेरा प्रभुलाई लगेका छन्, र उहाँलाई कहाँ राखेका छन्, म जान्दिनँ।" 14यी कुरा भनेर तिनी पछि लतिर फर्किन्, र तिनले येशूलाई उभिरहनुभएको देखिन्, तर येशू नै हुनुहुनन् भनी चिनिनन्। 15येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, "नारी, तिमी किन रुँदैछ्यौ? कसलाई खोज्छ्यौ?" तिनले उहाँलाई माली भन्ठानेर भनिन्, "हजूर, तपाईंले उहाँलाई यहाँबाट लैजानुभएको भए, कहाँ राख्नुभएको छ मलाई भन्नुहोस्, र म उहाँलाई लैजानेछु।"
16येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, "मरियम!" तिनले फर्केर उहाँलाई हिब्रूमा भनिन्, "रब्बोनी," अर्थात् "हे गुरुज्यू!"
17येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, "मलाई नपठ्छ, किनभने म अहिलेसम्म पिताकहाँ गएको छैनँ। तर मेरा भाइहरूकहाँ गएर तिनीहरूलाई भनिदेऊ, 'मेरा पिता र तिमीहरूका पिता, र मेरा परमेश्वर र तिमीहरूका परमेश्वरकहाँ गइरहेछु।'
18मरियम मगदलिनी गइन्, र चेलाहरूलाई सुनाइन्, "मैले प्रभुलाई देखें।" अनि उहाँले भन्नुभएका कुरा तिनीहरूलाई तिनले भनिदिइन्।

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
 अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
 उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
 कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
 पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
 क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
 मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
 तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।
 स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
 सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
 जहाँदेखि उहाँ
 जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
 म विश्वास गर्दछु -
 पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि,
 पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
 पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
 र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि आभिन ।

(Please Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

LSB 392 v.1

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
 Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still He comes to give us life
 And by His presence stills all strife.
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

THANKSGIVING FOR TROY HANSEN'S YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE WORD OF LIFE SCHOOL BOARD

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and Your gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer**

P God Almighty, teach the rulers of the nations how small and fleeting their reigns are. Shepherd them by the preaching of Your Church into the ways of peace, and fix their eyes on the better country that is to come, that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer**

P Gracious Lord, You call us to cast our anxieties upon You because You care for us. In the midst of their tribulation, bless Your people with Your peace [*especially _____*]. Grant healing according to Your will, and remind them of Your eternal care for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer**

(Special Petitions)

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783 v. 1, 4 & 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. *Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
2. *Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
3. *Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 ✠ 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

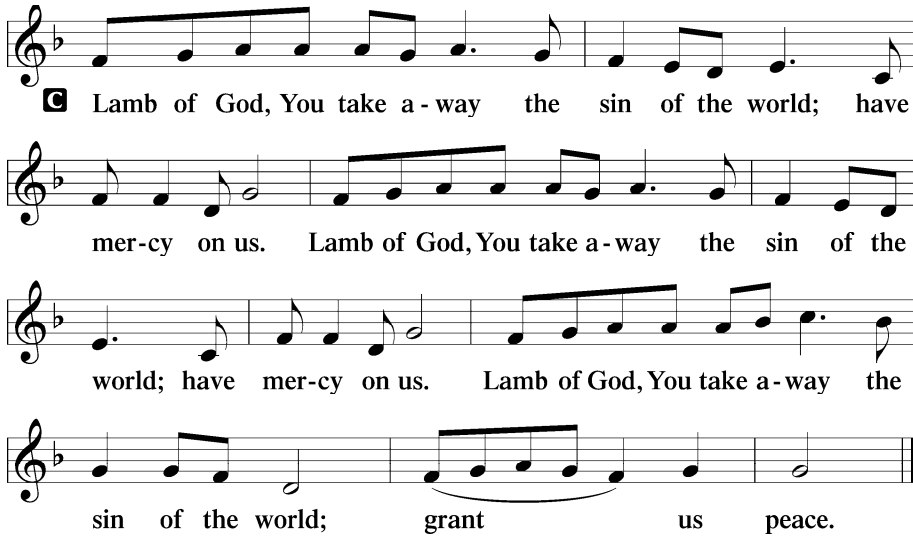
प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको \square च्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै \square स पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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‡ **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** ‡

THE TABLE Tomlin/Cash/Jolley

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table REPEAT VERSE

CHORUS 1: Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table CHORUS 1

I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

CHORUS 2: Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

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ABOVE ALL LeBlanc/Baloché

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;
above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth.

CHORUS: Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me above all.
REPEAT SONG

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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(Please Stand)

BENEDICAMUS

P We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P 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.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: RISEN TODAY Shust

Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!
Sons of man and angels say Hallelujah!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Hallelujah!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, Hallelujah!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Hallelujah!
Death in vain forbid Him rise, Hallelujah!
Christ has opened paradise!

CHORUS: Hallelujah! He is risen!
Hallelujah! our sins have been forgiven.
Now, we have power over the grave.
Christ the Lord is risen today!

Lives again our glorious King, Hallelujah!
Where O death is now thy sting, Hallelujah!
Dying once our souls to save, Hallelujah!
Where thy victory O grave? CHORUS

All creation sings: Hallelujah,
The King is risen!
Glory to the name of our risen Lord!
Let all the earth proclaim: Hallelujah,
Our sin's forgiven!
Glory to Your name forevermore! CHORUS

We have power over the grave! Christ the Lord is risen today!
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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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