

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Greeting

Opening Hymn #849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Please stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- 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.

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

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.

† Service of the Word †

Responsive Reading: Psalm 74

P ¹O God, why do you cast us off forever?

C **Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**

P ²Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

C **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**

P ³Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

C **the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

P ⁴Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place;

C **they set up their own signs for signs.**

P ⁵They were like those who swing axes

C **in a forest of trees.**

P ⁶And all its carved wood

C **they broke down with hatchets and hammers.**

P ⁷They set your sanctuary on fire;

C **they profaned the dwelling place of your name,
bringing it down to the ground.**

P ⁸They said to themselves, “We will utterly subdue them”;

C **they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.**

P ⁹We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet,

C **and there is none among us who knows how long.**

P ¹⁰How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?

C **Is the enemy to revile your name forever?**

P ¹¹Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?

C **Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them!**

P ¹²Yet God my King is from of old,

C **working salvation in the midst of the earth.**

P ¹³You divided the sea by your might;

C **you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.**

P ¹⁴You crushed the heads of Leviathan;

C **you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.**

P ¹⁵You split open springs and brooks;

C **you dried up ever-flowing streams.**

P ¹⁶Yours is the day, yours also the night;

C **you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.**

P ¹⁷You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;

C **you have made summer and winter.**

P ¹⁸Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,

C **and a foolish people reviles your name.**

P ¹⁹Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;

C **do not forget the life of your poor forever.**

P ²⁰Have regard for the covenant,

C **for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.**

P ²¹Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;

C **let the poor and needy praise your name.**

- P** ²²Arise, O God, defend your cause;
C remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day!
P ²³Do not forget the clamor of your foes,
C the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually!

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.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



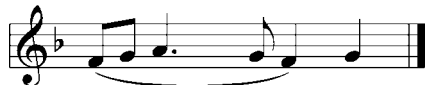
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we deserve none of Your goodness or blessings, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“*Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!*” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “*You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.*” ³*Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.*

⁵“*Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*” ⁶*In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the un-circumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, **“Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”** For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, *“This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.*

³⁶*Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”*

³⁷But he answered them, **“You give them something to eat.”**

And they said to him, *“Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”*

³⁸And he said to them, **“How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”**

And when they had found out, they said, *“Five, and two fish.”*

³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”



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.

Please stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 will 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 worshiped 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Please stand

Hymn # 629:1-2 "What Is This Bread"

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.

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Preface

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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

Hymn # 629:3 "What Is This Bread"

3 So who am I, That I should

live and He should die Un - der the rod?

My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en

me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.

The 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.”*

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Hymn # 629:4 “What Is This Bread”

4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul
He makes us whole— Christ, truly present in this
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.

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Please be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Please stand

Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C** And His mercy endures forever.

Hymn # 629:5 "What Is This Bread"

5 Is this for me? I am for -
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Post-Communion Collect

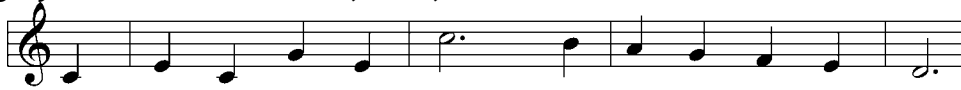
- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the 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.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn #966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down -
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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