

# 9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

## For the Gathered –

The Lord is eager to bless.  
He gladly shares his joy.  
He delights in seeing us smile.

Sometimes he surprises us.  
Life is flowing so quietly,  
so very predictably,

then he walks into our lives,  
our families, our churches –  
and brings unexpected delights.



## Greeting – ELW 147

**(Pastor)** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**(All SAY)** - **And also with you.**

## Kyrie – ELW 147

**(Liturgist)** – In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**(ALL SING)** – **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

# **Gathering Song – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - ELW 807**

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

# **Canticle of Praise – ELW 149**

(Liturgist) – This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**(SING) Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain,  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

***A brief silence is kept before the prayer.***

Surprise us, Lord. Show us the grandeur of your love, the depth of your forgiving nature and your delight in walking by our side.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading – Genesis 15: 1-6**

*The first "Father" of Israel, Abraham, is old and childless, yet God says that he is with his people, and a promised son will be given to Abraham. From this son will come so many descendants that they are like the stars in heaven.*

After these things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, 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, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir. No one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 33: 12-22**

Joyful is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Joyful the people chosen to be His own!**

The Lord looks down from his heaven,  
**and sees all those on earth.**

God sits on his throne and sees all,

**all who dwell on the earth.**

The Lord makes all our hearts  
**and observes all our deeds.**

A king is not saved by those who fight,

**nor warriors rescued by their strong hand.**

The horse gives vain hope to win,  
**despite its strength, it will not save.**



The Lord's eye is on | those who fear,  
**on those who wait for | his sure love,**  
to deliver their | lives from death,  
**and to feed them | with his bread.**

Our hearts wait for you | O, our Lord,  
**our strong help, | and our shield.**  
Surely, our hearts are | glad in you,  
**for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,  
**even as we place our | hope in you.**

## **Epistle Reading – Hebrews 11: 1-3 and 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the faith that believers enact in every age. Their hope and trust was in God's promise, and that allowed them to face an unknown future, and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith, he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

He looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, and Sarah herself was barren, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, 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. Indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# **Special Music**

## **Gospel Announcement – Luke 12: 32-40**

(Assembly May Stand)

### **Acclamation – ELW 151**

**(ALL SING) - Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action, and have your lamps lit. Be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

"If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***(Sit)***

## **Message - Expecting Something Good**

### **Hymn of the Day – Blessed Assurance - ELW 638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

***(Assembly may stand)***  
**Apostles' Creed – ELW 105**

**(ALL)**

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried.  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and was  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

***Sit***

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Response*

**(Liturgist)** Hear us, O God.

**(All)** Your mercy is great.

**Offering and Prayer –**

Let us pray.

You are so generous towards us, O Lord. Help us to be generous towards our neighbors  
as you bless this offering.

**Amen.**



## **Great Thanksgiving – ELW 152**

The Lord be with you.

**(ALL SING) And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Pastor's Preface**

### **Our Response – ELW 152**

**(ALL SING) - Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Lord's Prayer – ELW 154**

**(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.**

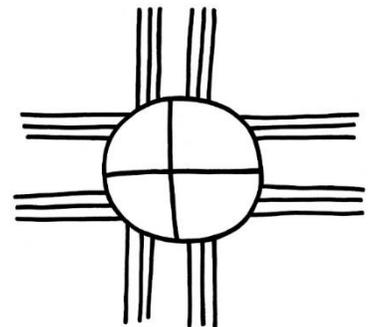
**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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 Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



## **Confession Song – “Lamb of God” – ELW 154**

**(ALL SING)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

## **We Eat and Drink**

### **Prayer after Communion**

You have fed us, O Lord, so we may feed others. You have blessed us, O Lord, so we may bless others. You have given to us, so we may give to others.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

***(Assembly May Stand)***

## **Sending Song – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me - ELW 767**

Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home,  
then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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***(Sit)***

## **Announcements**

### **Dismissal –**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**(ALL) - Thanks be to God.**

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