



# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



Sunday, August 10, 2025  
Hope Worship - 11:00am

# WELCOME!

## **AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY**

You are encouraged to pray silently, reflect upon God's Word, and consider aspects of your life that could be enriched with the Grace of God.

A number of appropriate prayers for all occasions can be found in the Lutheran Service Book on pages 305-318 and front inside cover. We welcome our guests and hope you are blessed in our worship. Guests and members are asked to complete a member/visitor card, located in the pew and place the card in the offering plate. Please introduce yourself to our pastor and members after service, so that we may greet you and answer any questions you may have.

## **CHILD CARE**

Our caring Nursery Attendant, **Victoria Lankhorst**, is available for children ages 2 and under. The Nursery is located in the main hallway for Sunday Services from 9:30am to Noon and for those attending New Member classes on Sunday from 12:30pm to 2pm. If nursery attendant is not available, parents are more than welcome to use the nursery, worship service is can be viewed in the nursery.

Also, we provide Children's Activity Bags located on the small racks as you enter the Sanctuary. Please return them after the service to enjoy for future use.

## **ETERNAL FLAME**

The Eternal flame burns during the month of **AUGUST IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FAITH AND SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flowers were given **IN CELEBRATION OF MIKE AND ALLISON DRAKE'S 43rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** and also by **THE BRADDES FAMILY.**

## **THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.**

If you have any questions, concerns, prayer requests or would like to speak with Pastor Rob Harbin or Pastor Clayton Sellers, please contact the church office at 901-853-4673 or email: **office@faithcollierville.com**. We hope you will join us again.

Blessings to you!

## **A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION**

The Holy Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and given to His Church. As members of the **Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the *Real Presence*, meaning that Jesus really gives His Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, as He Himself says, "*This is my body ... This is my blood ... for the forgiveness of sins*" (Matthew 26:26ff.). To be clear, this is **not** a symbolic presence, but as the Bible declares – and the ancient church taught – a *Real Presence*.

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote – "*Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*" (1 Cor.11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that you **refrain from communing if** (1) you have not been baptized, (2) have not received basic instruction in the Christian Faith, (3) or you come from another church body, differing from these Scriptural teachings (mentioned above). If you have questions, please speak with the pastor or elder that we might further discuss the right reception of this sacred meal.

To prepare ourselves for the gifts our Lord gives, Luther encouraged us to ask 3 questions:

Do I **REPENT** of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do I **BELIEVE** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "*for the forgiveness of sins*"?

Do I **INTEND** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will & way?

## **PLEASE NOTE**

- 1. If you receive the chalice please only take hold from the base and let the pastor guide it to your lips. Thank You**
- 2. If you have difficulty kneeling due to surgery or chronic issues please feel free to stand at the communion rail.**

## **FOR CHILDREN**

Your children are Welcome at the Communion rail to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

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**A Sermon Series: The Book of Hebrews**  
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**WELCOME & GREETINGS**

**SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING SONG OF PRAISE - *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”***

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.  
People: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen**

## SONG OF RESPONSE - *"I Surrender All"*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 13:17-22

Lector: When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

This is the Word of Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

#### EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 10:19-39

Lector: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For,

"Yet a little while,  
and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
and if he shrinks back,  
my soul has no pleasure in him."

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

People: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 13-22-30**

Pastor: He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON SONG - *"For All You've Done"***

### **SERMON - *"Jesus, the Better Road"* by Pastor Clayton Sellers**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**(Please repeat after each petition)**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life, help us now to trust in You to answer our prayers and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*Members, please fill out the white attendance cards and*

*Guests, please fill out the blue attendance cards at this time.*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE - *"I Will Follow"***

***Embracing our Community...Connecting as Christ's Family***

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