

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

◆ **Service of Prayer and Preaching** ◆ (pages 260 - 267)

*Pre-Service Music Includes: "I Love to Tell the Story," arr. by Valerie Floeter
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," arr. by V. Floeter*

Welcome

Opening Versicles (Common)

LSB 260

Opening Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

LSB 849

Psalmody

Psalm 136:1-9

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of gods,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: to him who alone does great wonders,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: to him who by understanding made the heavens,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: to him who made the great lights,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: the sun to rule over the day,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

R: The Old Testament reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter nine.

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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

R: The Epistle is written in Ephesians, chapter three.

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45-56

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

Immediately Jesus 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Common Responsory

(LSB 263)

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism

LSB 264

Children's Message

Sermon *"More Than You Can Imagine"*

Ephesians: 3:20-21

Hymn of Response *"I Bind unto Myself Today"*

LSB 604

Service without Holy Communion – 8:15 am

Offering *Special Music: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," arr. by V. Floeter*
(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

Hymn *"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"*

LSB 683

Prayers of the Church

Luther's Morning Prayer

LSB 266

New Testament Canticle *(sung)*

LSB 266-267

Blessing

LSB 267

Announcements

Closing Hymn *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

LSB 765

+ Service of Holy Communion – 11 am +

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”,
printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Prayers of the Church

Offering *Special Music: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,” arr.by V.Floeter*
(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

Corporate Confession and Absolution

LSB 290-291

Words of Institution

Hymns during Distribution

“Be Still, My Soul”

LSB 752

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB 683

General Dismissal

New Testament Canticle *(sung)*

LSB 266-267

Blessing

LSB 267

Announcements

Closing Hymn ***“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”*** **LSB 765**

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