

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**



**Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!  
If you are looking for a church home, consider joining us?

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.

**ref** Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong  
As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
The psalms of ancient days. **Refrain**

With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth. **Refrain**

Yet on and onward still,  
With hymn and chant and song,  
Through gate and porch and columned aisle  
The hallowed pathways throng. **Refrain**

Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
Till dawns the golden day. **Refrain**

At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. **Refrain**

**(Please Stand)**

Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. **Refrain**

**INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be  
in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear  
and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name  
together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me  
from all my fears.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who  
takes refuge in Him!

**People: The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those  
who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others.**

**We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

## Hymn of Praise    The Son of God Goes Forth to War    LSB 661

The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe, Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below—He follows in His train.

The martyr first, whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw his master in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross  
and flame.  
They met the tyrant's brandished steel, The lion's gory mane;  
They bowed their necks their death to feel—Who follows in their  
train?

A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n Through peril, toil, and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To follow in their train!

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 29:13-16**

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. <sup>14</sup> Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

<sup>15</sup> Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?"

<sup>16</sup> You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?

**P** This is the word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **The Epistle Reading**

**Colossians 2:16-23**

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. <sup>19</sup> They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

<sup>20</sup> Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? <sup>22</sup> These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Mark 7:1-13**

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

<sup>9</sup> And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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.

**Sermon Hymn    Have No Fear Little Flock**

**LSB 735**

Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
    For the Father has chosen  
    To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
    For the Father will keep you  
    In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
    For He stoops down to heal you,  
    Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
    For He stays close beside you,  
    In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

**Sermon “Which Foot?”**

**Mark 7:1-13**

**Rev. Marc Englehardt**

## Offering

### Offertory

### Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus    LSB 531

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Highest praises, without ceasing,  
Right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits,  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor:        Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:        hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both  
body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

## **The Words of our Lord**

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**

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

## **Agnus Dei**

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**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.**

## **Distribution**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.

God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us that life-giving food that nourishes us, allays our fears, and sustains us on our earthly journeys as we seek to bring You honor and praise all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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 **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

## **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

**LSB 765**

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
Faith sees a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head.

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**