



# St. John's Lutheran Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Morning Prayer - LSB p. 235

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*"Experiencing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ"*

## Announcements & Prayer

### Prelude

(Please Stand)

### Gathering Hymn - "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" *LSB 768*



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- C** 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.
- C** Alleluia, alleluia!

+ Psalmody +

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

### Venite

- P** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
- C** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**P** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

**C** **In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

**P** The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.

**C** **O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**P** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

**C** **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.**

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life

**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## READINGS

### Old Testament Reading -Genesis 9:8-17 (p.7 in the Bible)

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>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.”

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21 (p.977 in the Bible)

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading - Mark 6:45-56 (p.842 in the Bible)

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>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, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>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." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>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** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn - "How Wide the Love of Christ" LSB 535



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But  
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -  
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And  
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He  
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em-brace.  
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea-sured mer - cy pours.  
bears with - in His wound-ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

## Sermon

*(Please Stand)*

### Our Response - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

## Prayers

### Collect of the Day

- P** We pray together the Collect of the Day
- C** Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

## Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Having experienced the love of Jesus Christ we go to continue...

**C** **Experiencing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.**

**P** The Lord Almighty, bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

**C** Amen.

## Scattering Hymn - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *LSB 649*



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Week of July 25 – July 31, 2021

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God and thanks for his many blessings given by Michael and Sarah Schember in honor of their anniversary.**

Today	11:45a	Congregation Meeting
Monday (26th)	5p	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday (27th)	7p	Resolving Everyday Conflict
Wednesday (28th)	2-3p	Dementia Talk w/Marion - Fellowship Hall
Saturday (31st)	8a	FACES
	10a	Choir Practice

### **LCMS Southeastern District Convention – 2022**

**May 9, 2022 - May 13, 2022**

The LCMS Southeastern District Convention is scheduled for May 2022, including video sessions during May 9-11 and in-person gatherings on May 12-13 in **Richmond, Va.**

- Part 1 of the convention will feature Zoom video presentations for worship and reports, but no business will be conducted.
- **Part 2 will be held in person at a location to be announced, and the gathering will include devotions, prayers, elections, and resolutions.**

Conventions are held every three years by each of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's 35 districts.

The schedule includes time for conducting business, electing officers, and sharing information.

The conventions also offer opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration, and fellowship.

Pastors, teachers, other commissioned ministers, and lay delegates elected by congregations are required to attend.

General sessions are open to anyone who wishes to attend as an observer, and guests are also invited to the worship services.

**KFUO Radio** provides you with inspiring accounts from our missionaries abroad. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org**: Hear a missionary story from Kenya on The Coffee Hour 7/29 at 10:00 a.m., study Jeremiah 41-46 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and study Nehemiah 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 Noon). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

God's universal principle about giving is this:  
Give willingly from the heart.

"From every man whose heart moves him  
you shall receive the contribution for me" (Exodus  
25:2).

**Send your announcements** to

Carolyn Dove at  
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(Weekly deadline is Thursday at 1p)

**Info for Pew News** can be emailed to  
Ginny Dixon at [ginnyforu@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyforu@gmail.com)

(Deadline for Aug is Monday,  
July 26th at 5p)

Goodbye July  
Hello August