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# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## AUGUST 9 & 10, 2025

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### Hymn

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*LSB 905*

1 *Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.*

2 *Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.*

3 *Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.*

△ 4 *To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.*

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### *Stand* Opening Versicles

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.  
**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.

- 1 *Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.*
- 2 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.*
- △ 3 *Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

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*Sit***Readings From Holy Scripture****Reading***Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>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?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Reading***Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the

same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Luke 12:22–40*

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- L** 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.
- L** 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.
- L** 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.

## *Stand* Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

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

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Sit Children Message

### Hymn

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

LSB 669

- 1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

*Refrain* We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

- 2 Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*
- 3 The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*
- 4 Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

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### Sermon

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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## Offering

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Stand Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

- L** 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.
- C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Saturday Luther's Evening Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Sunday Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticale ♪

LSB 266

- C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
- Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.*
- Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.*

*Living, He lives to God.*

*Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

*LSB 918*

1 *Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.*

2 *Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.*

*Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

3 *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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## Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: [www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar](http://www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar).

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

- for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.
- for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.

## Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, August 10..... 1 Samuel 25:23-44; 1 Corinthians 4:1-21  
Monday, August 11..... 1 Samuel 26:1-25; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13  
Tuesday, August 12 ..... 1 Samuel 28:3-25; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20  
Wednesday, August 13 ..... 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24  
Thursday, August 14..... 2 Samuel 1:1-27; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40  
Friday, August 15..... 2 Samuel 5:1-25; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Saturday, August 16..... 2 Samuel 6:1-19; 1 Corinthians 9:1-23

## **Worship Service Schedule**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Confirmation Class begins on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

GriefShare begins on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Bible Class resumes on August 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study resumes on September 4<sup>th</sup>

Handicapped Accessible Service—August 14, 10 a.m.



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## **Wurstmart & Country Store**

St. Mark's Annual Wurstmart & Country Store is coming up on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. As your gardens are growing and producing fresh produce for canning and preserving, keep our Country Store in mind. We always have a need for Crafts, fresh produce, baked goods and canned goods. Thank you to all of our members who donate items for the Country Store.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study** resumes on September 4th @ 6:03 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Rev. Norlyn Bartens Installation at St. Peter's, Campbell Hill**

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

**GriefShare**

Begins Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**BBQ & Ice Cream Social**

September 14<sup>th</sup> food served @ 5:00 p.m. with Music to follow

**Wednesday Bible Study** resumes on August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Books are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**Confirmation Class** (7th & 8th Grade students) Begins on Sunday, September 21st @ 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Feeding the Football Team—Sparta/Steeleville Football Team**

on September 25<sup>th</sup>

Anyone wanting to help serve please let Pastor Mark know.

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## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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### School Chapel

Our first Chapel Service for the 2025-2026 school year will be on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor Mark will lead the chapel service. In case of inclement weather we will have chapel in the school gymnasium.

### School Schedule

- PK Open House—Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>—PK3 6:00-6:30 & PK4 6:30-7:00.
- Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Day of School will be Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. 8:15-2:55.
- PK3 First Day is Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. 8:15am - 9:15am, one hour only. No PK4 today.
- PK4 First Day is Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. 8:15am - 9:15am, one hour only. No PK3 today.

**Tuition Meetings**—Monday, August 11 & Tuesday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

The meeting is mandatory for parents to go over financial information for Tuition and other fees for the upcoming school year. Appointments are approximately 15-20 minutes. Please call the school office to schedule an appointment, 618-965-3838.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at  
the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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