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Worship –9:30 am.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Video: "All Heaven Declares," by Noel and Tricia Richards

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **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 missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought the best for the people in our lives. We ask God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to lead us into lives of growing faith and charity. Amen.**

P: God is faithful and keeps His promise of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness to 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.

C: **Amen.**



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PSALM *(Psalm 147:1-5)*

P: Praise the Lord!

C: **For it is good to sing praises to our God;**

P: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

C: **he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

P: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: **He determines the number of stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: **his understanding is beyond measure.**

ALL: 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.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 15:1-6* (God makes a special promise to Abraham.)

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." ² 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?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ 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." ⁵ 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." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1-16* (The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

C: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34* (Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him their top priority.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

And he 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. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴ 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! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB #737, “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

**Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.**

**He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.**

**Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.**

**Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?**

**He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down,
And all your sins He casts aside; In ocean depth they drown.**

**His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain A blessed ending makes.**

**Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.**

SERMON “Don't Worry!” Luke 12:22-34

Rev. Tony Troup

CREED *Apostles' Creed (Please stand)*

People: 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 in 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

HYMN LSB #712, "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

CLOSING SENTENCES

P: Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

C: **For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.**

P: Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, and yet God feeds them.

C: **Of how much more value are you than the birds**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

(Please stand)

CLOSING HYMN LSB #738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and Give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at The plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and Give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.**

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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