NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Keith Sadowski "Evening and Morning" by John Eggert (*LSB* 726)

Confession and Absolution



P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;* make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;* he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,* and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,* nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,* in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

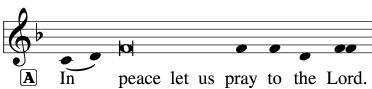
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

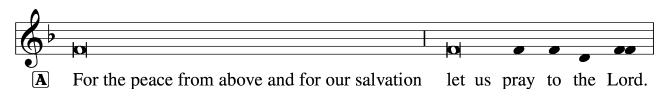
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie LSB 152











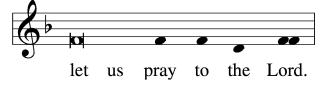
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise









You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 14 (Year C)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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

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

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,* the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

The LORD looks down from | heaven;*

he sees all the chil- dren of man;

from where he sits enthroned he | looks out* on all the inhabitants | of the earth,

he who fashions the hearts | of them all* and observes | all their deeds.

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The king is not saved by his great | army;*
   a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
   and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
   on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
that he may deliver their | soul from death*
   and keep them alive in | famine.
Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
   he is our help | and our shield.
For our heart is | glad in him,*
   because we trust in his | holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- on us.*
   even as we hope in you.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
   and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
   is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
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Epistle Hebrews 11:1–16

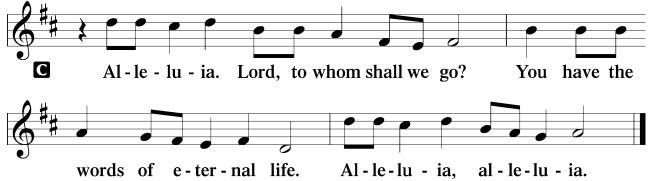
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 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. 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. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

he is our help | and our shield.

C Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

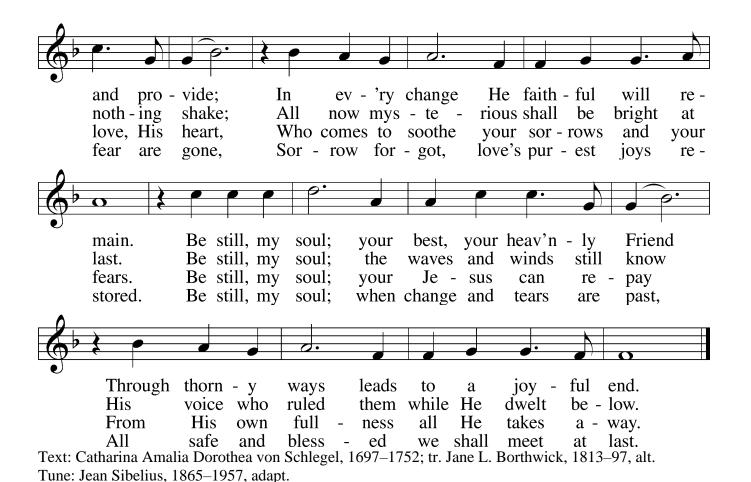
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 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! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 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. 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! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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Sermon "Easier Said Than Done" Luke 12:22-34

- I. Easier Said Than Done
- II. Don't Worry
 - What do you worry about?
 - Why is worry bad for the body?
 - Why doesn't worry help?
 - Experts say ______ % of things we worry about don't come true, and are things we cannot change!
 - Worry is a sin against the Commandment.
 - o Worry means "lifting yourself up."
 - What is the point of the two examples that Jesus gives?
- III. What Takes Worry Away?
 - What takes our worry away?
 - How does the Kingdom change things?

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sending Service

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Micah Black has faithfully served the congregations of Emmaus and Bethel this summer as a DCE intern. During his time, he has led Bible Studies, served the youth, supported the pastoral staff, and participated in the life of the Church. We thank God for His service, and ask His blessing as Micah finishes his time with us today. Hear what the Holy Scriptures have to say about those who serve in the Church.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. *Philippians 1:3-8*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:15-17*

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God and Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on Micah who has been moved to continue his preparations for work in Your kingdom. By Your Holy Spirit, grant him an open mind and heart to hear and learn Your holy Word as he returns to Concordia Texas. Grant him the ability to serve you faithfully and effectively after his instruction is completed. Bless Micah with wisdom and patience, and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that he may continue to serve with gladness. Support, strengthen, and protect him and Rebekah during the years that lie ahead so that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Emily Porter

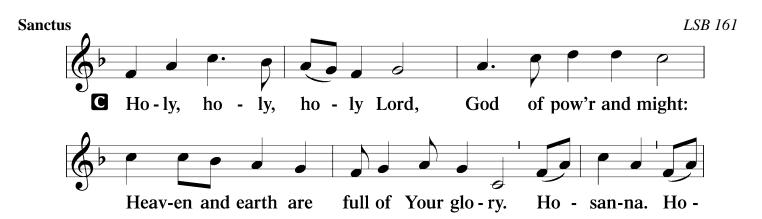
We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

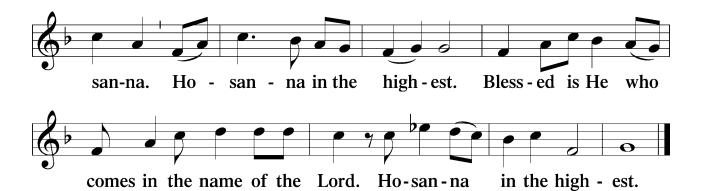


Preface LSB 160



 \mathbf{P} It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

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."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

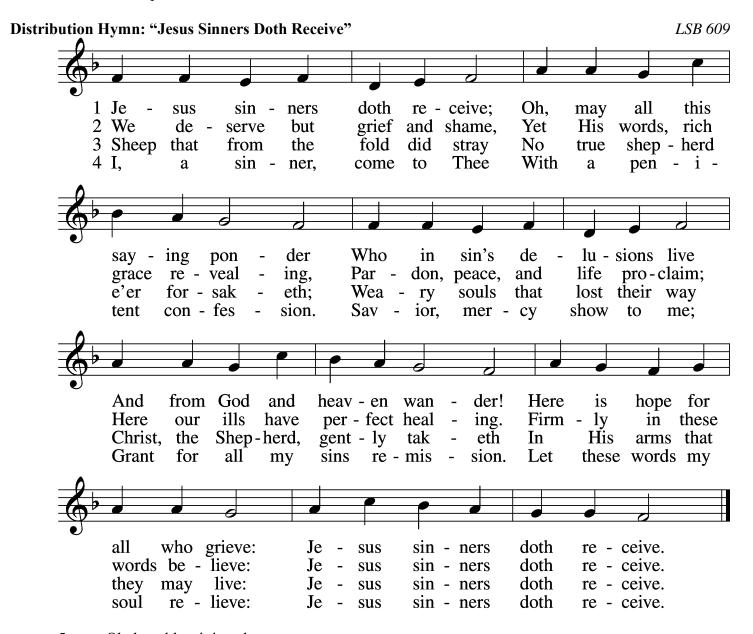
Lord's Prayer

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.



Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.



5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

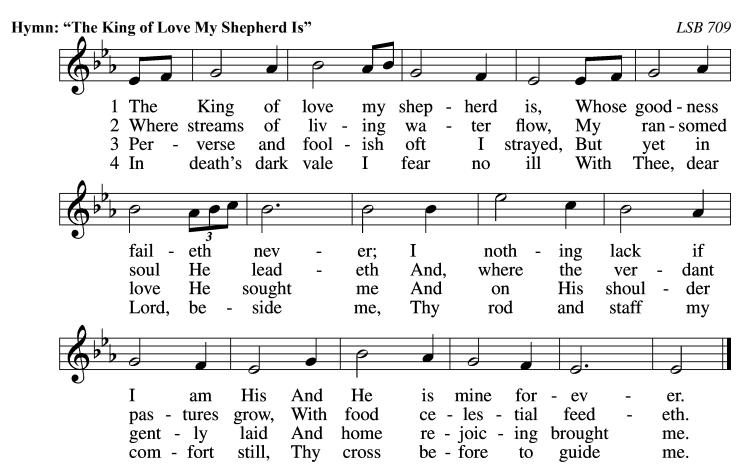
Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166



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.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Luke 12:24 – "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them." God feeds the birds of the air – this we know, it's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

EMMAUS AFTERNOON AT ALLIANZ FIELD: Let's catch a MN United FC soccer game together on Saturday, September 3rd! The MNUFC take on the Dallas FC at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$32/person and the deadline is 8/19 for reserving tickets. For more information, please email Chris G.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Do you have unused action grants for 2022? Would you be interested in supporting an event or activity at Emmaus? We have a variety of ideas for the rest of the year that could use an additional boost from Thrivent if you are interested and willing to help. Some of the possible projects are: helping with supporting youth activities/fundraisers, sending care packages to shut-ins and college students, social ministry opportunities and fellowship opportunities just to name a few. Please talk to Pastor Kooi, Pam U, Molly V or Dawn K.

INDOOR PARKING NEEDED: Will pay for indoor winter parking for classic 1956 Chevrolet from October through March. I would be there 2 days, one to put the car in and second to take it out. Would appreciate any help finding a place. (*Ask office for contact information.*)

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Everything Is So Expensive" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Everything is so expensive – but do we really need everything? (Luke 12:15)