

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
The Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others first,  
we long to take the best for ourselves.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are set free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

ELW #771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

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## GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, 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, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 33:12-22

*Read responsively; the congregation proclaims the verses in **bold type**.*

- <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**
- <sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**
- <sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- <sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, 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; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

The good news of God's love according to Luke.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.*



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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LITTLE FLOCK  
 6 5 7 6 6

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*After each petition:*

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

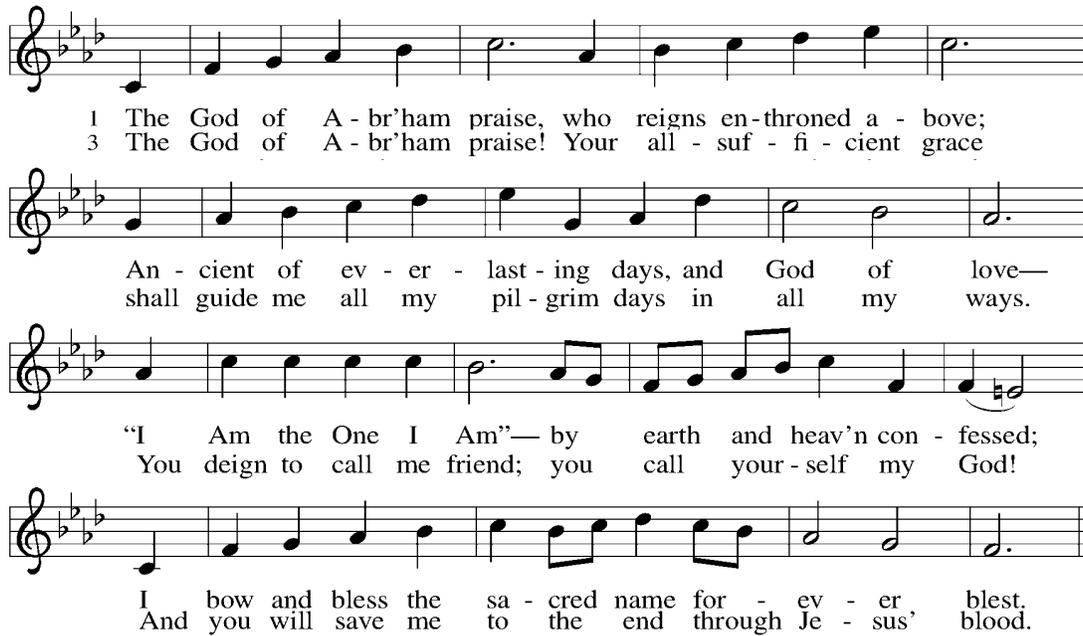
Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE SHARING OF PEACE**

*We will not be passing the offering plate during the offertory music. You can use the QR code printed on the next page to make a contribution on our website; or you can drop off your offering as you leave at the end of worship.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN: *The God of Abraham Praise* (verses 1 and 3)

ELW #831



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.

“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.



Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the Yigdal, c. 14th cent.  
Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

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## OFFERING PRAYER

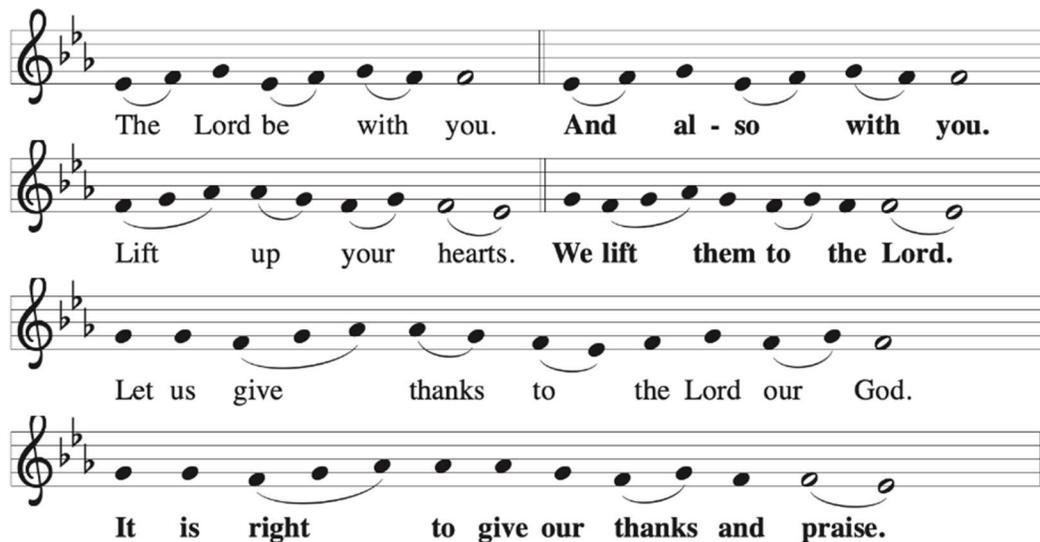
God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy.  
 Come to the banquet.

**SHARING OF COMMUNION**

*(see instructions for opening)*



## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
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## COMMUNION HYMN: *How Great Thou Art*

ELW #856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me  
 all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -  
 thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*  
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine  
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**Last Week:**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Giving</b>
<b>50</b> (in person)	<i>Current:</i> 1111.00 <i>Dedicated:</i> 10.00 <i>Total:</i> 1121.00

**Thank you to those serving this month:**

**Pastor Sharon Dorr (all month)**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
08/07	Barb, Janet, Lisa, Violet	Teresa Zeoli	Leah Heinicke – IHO 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Pr. Tom’s Ordination
08/14	Carol, Lynne, Matthew, Alan	Paul McKay	Trudy Daniels – IHO Greg’s Birthday
08/21	Barb, Janet, Lisa, Violet	Ruth Kinsey	Gretchen Frederick – IHO Barb Maccomb’s Birthday
08/28	Carol, Arlene, Lisa, Alan	Daryl Stewart	Tom & Marty Snapp – IHO their Wedding Anniv. (8/24)

**Birthdays this week:**

08/07 - Shirley Tyler  
08/12 - Greg Daniels

**Anniversaries this week:**

08/11 - Paul & Jan Frakes

**Prayer List:**

Pastor Paul on his sabbatical  
Pastor Sharon Dorr and her ministry here  
Lynne Tallon and her ministry here  
Brenden Hall and his ministry here  
  
Harry Dare – Encouragement & Strength (caregiver)  
Joyce Dare – Peace & Eased Suffering (dementia)  
Paul McKay – Recovery from surgery  
Anthony DiNapoli – Diabetes complications  
Lance Green & friends at Bayside Nursing Home  
Noreen Smith – Recovery from back surgery + Covid  
Allen Denham – Healing

**For those suffering from Covid:**

Robert Smith (son of Betty Napolitano)  
Lisa Johnson

**For those suffering from cancer:**

Jim Tallon

**For those homebound:**

Doris Bertoluzzi  
Lorna Holder

**For those grieving the loss of a loved one:**

Friends and family of Rev. Patricia Large  
Friends and family of Paul Wenger  
Friends and family of Maffett Dowd  
Friends and family of Ann Holland  
Friends and family of Pat Kapfhammer

*Prayer requests will remain active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.  
Please request a renewal if required after 3 months.*

Are you visiting? Tell us about yourself!  
Do you have a prayer request? Let us know!  
Do you want to receive emails from us or give us updated contact information?

Use this QR Code to send us a note via our “Digital Connect Card.”

