



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 30, 2023



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our blended Church family

As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”* **H82 #536**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *in front section of H82 #S 280*

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings
At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God.**

PSALM 119:129-136

Sung by all in unison



**Your decrees are | wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
When your word goes forth | it gives light; *
it gives understanding | to the simple.
I open my | mouth and pant; *
I long for | your commandments.
Turn to | me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who | love your Name.
Steady my footsteps | in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
Rescue me from those | who oppress me, *
and I will keep | your commandments.
Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant *
and teach | me your statutes.
My eyes shed | streams of tears, *
because people do not | keep your law.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor introduces refrain, then is joined by all



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Ma - ny will come from east and east *

and will eat in the king - dom of heaven. *All repeat refrain.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON

Martin Mills

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

H82 #488

NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*

All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The LEM reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the Altar

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us,
All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"* *in front section of H82 #S 169*

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.
All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**
Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.
All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. If you wish to receive bread only and/or wine from the common cup (chalice), please place your hands open in front of you. If you wish to receive by having the bread dipped and place on your tongue (intinction), please leave your hands at your side. Wine from the common cup will be available from an administrator standing off to the side.

COMMUNION HYMN I *"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"* **ELW #518**

COMMUNION HYMN II *"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"* **ELW #489**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* *by Peter C. Lutkin*

SENDING HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* **H82 #594**

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

July 30	9 Pent. – Liturgy/Word & Reserve.	10:00 AM
August 6	Trans./Our Lord – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	First Sunday Brunch	11:00 AM
August 13	11 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	Vestry Meeting	11:00 AM
August 20	12 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAN TO STAY after worship today to help fill bookbags for the children of Liberty House.

SOUP KITCHEN team members Orva & Tom Voth and Marian White made and gave out three hundred thirty (330) sandwiches at St. Clare’s Outreach Center on Monday, July 24.

NOTE FROM VBS | Children had a wonderful time at the All Creatures Great and Small VBS. Sandy Wingard and Ann Young put together and conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School last week. This was our first since the COVID-19 pandemic and the kids had a wonderful time. Marian called each of our families that have children old enough to attend VBS to personally invite them and we had a very good attendance. Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted in conducting the VBS and to all those who donated food and supplies.

THANK YOU | Jackie and the entire Driggers family really appreciated the effort that was put into holding and conducting the visitation, service, and the lunch for the family and close friends on Thursday, July 20. They felt it offered a personal touch that a funeral home cannot achieve. Thanks to all those who volunteered and donated to give Tom a warm-hearted send-off and expressing our condolences to the family.

BACK 40/FOOD FOR A THOUSAND GARDEN | FFT Garden completed this year’s potato harvest, which yielded one hundred ninety-one (191) lbs, of potatoes that were donated to Neighbors in Need and the Albany Rescue Mission. Friends of St. Patrick’s gave us fifteen (15) lbs. of tomatoes, which were used in salads for Vacation Bible School and last week’s funeral. Five (5) lbs. of okra were given to friends of St. Patrick’s, in exchange for the tomatoes. Back 40 mowed yesterday.

PLEASE KEEP the family of Jackie Lockyer in your prayers. She died on Thursday, July 20, following a lengthy illness. Burial arrangements are private.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

August 6, 13 & 20, Fr. Jim | August 27, Mtr. Tar
September 3, 10 & 24, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar
October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar
November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10 & 17, Fr. Jim

GUEST ORGANIST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a guest organist and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for additional organists for the open Sundays through the end of the year.

August 13, September 10, October 1, November 12 & December 10; Suzanne Unger

CHILDREN’S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children’s Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: Canned meats, canned tomatoes, cereal, elbow macaroni and soup (all sizes).

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Sam Williamson 9th – James Clements 10th – Melody Sheffield 13th – Kathryn Daniels
19th – Sam & Tracy Stringer

BIRTHDAY:

1st – Stacey Driggers 6th – Jimmy Davis, Celie Hogue 7th – Karen Dees, Glenda Franklin, Tracy Stringer
11th – Ralph Rodgers 12th – Jim Sheffield, Alan White 13th – Kathryn Daniels 16th – Alex Moreschi
18th – Alex Hart 19th – Adia Sakura-Lemessy 21st – Anna Arnold 23rd – Buster Arnold 27th - Jane Swanson
30th – Tony Moreschi

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

10th – Bob & Aida Cerney

KEEP IN PRAYER

Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Albert Timmons, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, Bonnie & Charlie Hough, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Doris Alley, Donna Timmons, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

SERVING IN WORSHIP	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
COFFEE HOUR:	St. Patrick’s Choir Members	<i>First Sunday Brunch</i>
ALTAR GUILD:	Barbara Strickland, Eloise Talley, Carol Wilch	Sandra Rowe, Loretta Williamson –
GREETERS:	–	Aida Cerney
USHERS:	Brian & Loretta Williamson	Bob Cerney, Jim Kempf
A/V TEAM:	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
READERS:	Joyce Bridges-Judkins	Bill Young
ACOLYTES:	Bob Baranko	Bob Baranko
CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:	Joe Wingard	Joe Wingard
VERGER:	Lamon Brand	Carolyn Brunson

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