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+The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

"Hiding in Thee" Sankey/Pethel

Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



***Gathering Hymn** *Gather Us In* #532 (ELW) vs. 1, 2, 4

***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.

***Kyrie**

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1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

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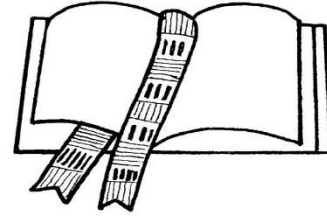
1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.



A reading from **Romans 8:26-39**

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. ²⁷And 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.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:129-136

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

¹²⁹Your de-^l crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with ^l all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened ^l it gives light;**

it gives understanding ^l to the simple.

¹³¹I open my ^l mouth and pant

because I long for ^l your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- ^l cious to me,**

as you always do to those who ^l love your name.

¹³³Order my footsteps ^l in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion ^l over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those ^l who oppress me,**

and I will keep ^l your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant

and teach ^l me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed ^l streams of tears,**

because people do not ^l keep your teaching.

Children's Message

Pastor Brian Birk

*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel



Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The holy gospel according to Matthew **13:31-33, 44-52**
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it 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."

³³He 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."

⁴⁴"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.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Brian Birk

*Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision

#793 (ELW)

*Apostles' Creed

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form students and all of us into disciples. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

"Thank You, Lord" Benton Price

Nadine Berg

***Offertory Response**

This is My Father's World

#824 (vs.2 ELW)

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
Rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry-where

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



*** Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* #705 (ELW)
***Dismissal**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Postlude *"Joyous Alleluia"* Tom Birchwood Nadine Berg

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Videographer: Dustin Davidson & John Law
Tellers: Jan Gregorich & Dianne Mousseau
Altar Guild: Patty Rediske & Peggy Vidmar

NEWS & NOTES

Birthday's & Anniversaries

We wish the Happiest of Birthday to Don Schwartz
(7/30)

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is
sponsored in Memory of Don and
Myrna Persson by Darrold & Laurie Persson.

Organs in Revue continues its 39th Summer
Recital Series August 2, 2023 with organist Brian Kapp at
12:00 pm at First Lutheran Church (2201 E. 2nd Ave.
Hibbing). All recitals are approx. ½ hour and are free and
open to the public. Lunch will be served following most
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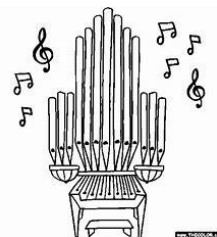
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 30th

9:00 Worship
Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
11:15 Chapel of the Pines

Wednesday, 2nd

8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study
10:00 LEE Center
11:00 Staff Meeting





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Camp Vermillion's Bluegrass Festival is now
Sounds of the Northwoods

This summer the festival will happen
on August 5th.

Come and participate in many of the activities
You've enjoyed previous years.

There will be music (of course), food, fellowship,
auctions, the silent auction, the Church Basket Raffle, and more.

Our Savior's "Basket" is entitled
"Everything but the Kitchen Sink."

If you'd like to contribute items to our "Basket,"
We'll be collecting them in the Com Room.

