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THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE I THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 9 & 10, 2025

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

<u>The Sacrament Of The Altar</u> will be celebrated at the 5:30 PM & 8:00 AM services. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Seek Ye First" *LSB* 712, sts. 1-3 *Please stand*

INVOCATION

- P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen

CONFESSION

- P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C. 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.

ABSOLUTION

P. People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C. Amen.

KYRIE (Spoken by Pastor; Sung by Congregation)

P. In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P. For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P. For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





SALUTATION

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P. Together, let us prayer:
- C. 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. Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

¹After 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir;

your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By 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.

⁴By 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. ⁵By 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. ⁶And 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. ⁷By 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.

⁸By 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. *(continued...)*

⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore 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.

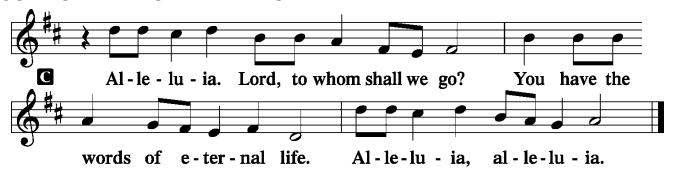
¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having

seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

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

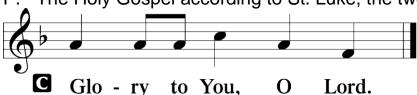
Please stand

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE



GOSPEL READING Luke 12:35-40

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



³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.

(continued...)

³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE HYMN "Amazing Grace" LSB 744, sts. 1-5

SERMON "CORNELIUS – MAN OF GOD" (Text: Acts 10:1-2)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. (continued...)

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified.

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P. Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C. hear our prayer.
- P. May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.
- P. Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.

- P. Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.
- P. Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.
- P. Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.
- P. And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.
- P. We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P. Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper, confident that we receive Jesus' body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus' words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

WORDS OF OUR LORD

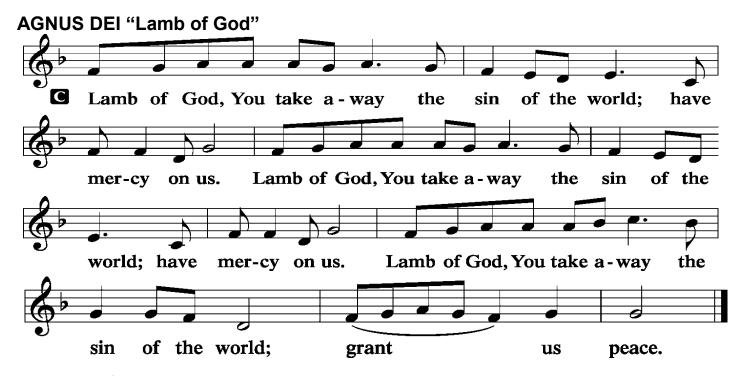
P. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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.
- P. Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C. Amen.



<u>Please sit</u>

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

LSB 733, sts. 1-6

LSB 720, sts. 1-5

After the distribution—please stand

DISMISSAL

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P. 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 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

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 \pm give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN "Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735, sts. 1-4

- P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C. Thanks be to God.

* * * To God Be the Glory * * *

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AS WE GATHER

Sometimes one simple word can have two meanings that are complete opposites. The word *anxious* is one of them. In English, it comes from the old Latin verb "angere," which means to "take hold of" or "to give pain." When Jesus says, "Do not be anxious," He is inviting us to let go of that which causes us pain and to trust in God's complete and loving care. And yet the flip side of "angere" describes a positive sense of eagerness. In the Advent hymn "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (*LSB* 350), we pray to our Savior: "Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee" (st. 1). May our faithful worship reflect that hopeful kind of anxiety as we celebrate the presence of the Lord among us.