
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24-25, 2021

Strains, Pains, and Gains

As We Gather

The hymn insists, “God Himself is present” and “God is in His temple” (*LSB* 907). This hymn reminds us of the prophet Isaiah’s amazing vision of God in the temple when he heard the eternal song of the angels, “Holy, holy, holy,” causing the prophet to cringe, bow, and kneel at the awesome and fearful presence of God. Today, we bring ourselves with our own fears and hear how Jesus’ disciples witnessed their Lord’s real presence amid their strains and pains in a boat struggling against the wind. So today for you God is present with healing, forgiveness, and life not in the imagination but in the objective truth of His inspired Word, by your Baptism, and in the taste and touch of His body and blood given and shed for you. You cannot get any more real than that. “Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.”

Preparation

Hymn

God Himself is Present

LSB 907

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God’s place, whether often or

rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

C **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Word

Hymn of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* *LSB 940*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh

be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

C Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

C the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

P the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Mark 6:50c

C Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:45–56*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said,

“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* *LSB 699*

Sermon

Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *LSB 809*

Creed

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

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 ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He

will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [*especially...*]. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Prayers

Verlin Lorenz

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Debra Guebert	Don Ritter
Ali Gerlach	Alice Knop	Sam Huffman
Jane Kuhnert	Donnie Buch	Dennis Mahnken
Vicki (Biermann) Hodge	Patricia Ford (Larry Grab's sister)	
Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)		
Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)		

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters
Eileen Clements	Wayne Mueller	Jean Schroeder
Leonard & Darlene Dierks	Delbert & Carolyn Koen	
Frances Kipp	Herman & Darlene Mayer	Ruth Koch

Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus	Bill Ingles
Tim Eichenseer	Justin Parker	Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers
Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	John Magelitz	Karley Kothe
Dylan McCoy	Drew Gerlach	Jaron Berner	
Rodney Anderson	Chasten Lindenberg	Braden Eichenseer	
Richard Thompson	Zach Mogavero	Dustin Newton	
	Adrienne Vallett		

Mission Prayer

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, July 25	1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37–22:16
Monday, July 26.....	1 Samuel 10:1-27; Acts 22:17-29
Tuesday, July 27	1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 22:30–23:11
Wednesday, July 28	1 Samuel 13:1-18; Acts 23:12-35
Thursday, July 29.....	1 Samuel 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1-23
Friday, July 30	1 Samuel 15:10-35; Acts 24:24–25:12
Saturday, July 31.....	1 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 25:13-27

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Handicapped Accessible Service—August 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. **

Thank You

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and cards on the loss of our mother, Rose Bartens.

A special thank you to all of the ladies who helped to serve the funeral luncheon.

Another thank you to the Float Committee for the sign dedicating this year's float to mom.

We are blessed to have a loving supportive church family at St. Mark's.

Rose Bartens' Family

Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **New Flooring for 2 Classrooms at School**—The Board of Trustees is trying to make updates at the school each year that will keep the school in top shape. This summer they are looking to replace the carpet in the Kindergarten and 1st Grade rooms. If you would like to help fund these projects, place your donations marked for “New Flooring” in the offering basket.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Rummage Sale: We are looking for volunteers to help transport items to Savers in Fairview Heights on August 3. Looking for an enclosed trailer or multiple pickup trucks. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping.

FFA: The FFA has geraniums for sale for \$5.00 each. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Luebke at 618-713-7125.

Band Instructor Wanted: Position available for a part-time band instructor at *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact the school for more details.

Summer Office Hours: Summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Fridays, 9:00 a.m.- noon.

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2021-2022. Financial aid based on need is available. For more information, check our website, www.coslhs.org, or contact the school office at 618-853-7300.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service before the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

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