

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Lancaster, PA

## The Holy Eucharist Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to worship. If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering box is by the baptismal font to receive your gift of an offering. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.*

*Please note the instructions on distancing for the sharing of the peace (page 7) and receiving Holy Communion. (page 9)*

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

*Please stand*

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's mercy and abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Time for silence for self-examination*

P God, our provider,

C **help us. We think there is not enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. Forgive our sin. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

*The children remain at their seat as the pastor shares a message with them.*

## First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from Second Kings: <sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:10-18** *(Read responsively with the Lector.)*

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**<sup>17</sup>The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **The Holy Gospel**

John 6:1-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**C 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.**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers of the church*

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Show mercy to the \_\_\_\_\_, O God:

**C Grant us your peace.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive these prayers, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Please stand.*

## The Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us  
to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The 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.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

**P** Come to the Table to eat what you are so that you may be for the world what you eat.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. The pastor will drop the host into your hand. Next move to receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Then take another step to consume the sacrament. As you return to your seat, place the empty cup into the receptacle. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Post Communion Blessing**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**P** Almighty God, the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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### Coming up at Holy Spirit

August 3	Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	God's Work. Our Hands Rally Day
Sept. 18	Community Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m.

### Worship Assistant Schedule

July 25	August 1
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
Sammi Dandridge	Sam Ruggiero
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>
Doug Dandridge	Tim Brixius
Andrew Knaub	Charlie Schwenk
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Usher</b>
John Schmitt	Dennis Steiner
<b>Council Person</b>	<b>Council Person</b>
Cheryl Amey	Aleisha Brixius
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Pat Winters	Suzann Schwenk
Bob Slade	Kayt Tourville

### Readings for next week: Pentecost 10

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35



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