

The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

July 25, 2021

9:00 a.m. Worship in Yard (FH)

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

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

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people 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. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**



*KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

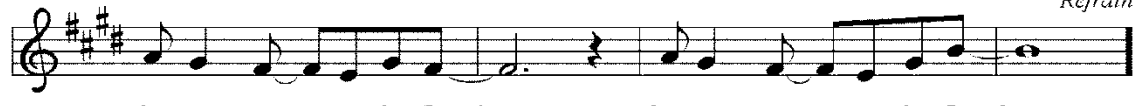
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **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

First Reading *2 Samuel 7:1-14a*

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 145:10-18 *(To be read responsively.)*

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power 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, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: *John 6:1-21*

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jewish people, was near. ⁵When 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?” ⁶Jesus said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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.” ¹⁵When 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. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But Jesus said to them, “Here I AM; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

▣ The Gospel of the Lord. ▣ *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

Pastor Traci

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW # 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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***CREED**

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH**

Caring for the church throughout the world, we pray for ecumenical cooperation among the churches; for sustenance for assemblies that have been devastated by the coronavirus; and for insight as congregations resume their local programming. Be near to all who call upon you, faithful God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Thanking God for summertime in nature, we pray for fruitful fields and healthy animals; for rain to nourish lands that face wildfires, drought, or excessive heat; and for lakes, rivers, and oceans to be free from pollution. Be near to all who call upon you, mighty God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Mindful of the family of nations, we pray for all who govern; for Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Africa, and other nations that are experiencing violence; for Germany and other nations devastated by climate change; for an increase of justice in our nation and around the world; and for the protection of the poor. Be near to all who call upon you, righteous God: **You are loving in all your works.**

On this Parents' Day, we pray for all parents, that they find joy in life with their children and resilience for their tasks. And on this commemoration of the apostle James, we pray for those who in his memory go on religious pilgrimages, that they be kept safe in their travels and be drawn ever closer to your heart. Be near to all who call upon you, gracious God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Aware of all who suffer, we pray for a world still facing the coronavirus; for persons without employment, or adequate housing, or wholesome meals, or available health care, or the embrace of loved ones. We pray for the residents of Tokyo and for the First Nations of Canada. We pray for all with hidden sorrows; for those who live in fear; and for those we name here before you. . . Be near to all who call upon you, compassionate God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Confident of your love for each of us, we pray for ourselves, that we be strengthened in our inner being, and that you receive our prayers. Be near to all who call upon you, mothering God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Grateful for the witness of all who died in the faith, especially James the apostle and those we name here. . . , we pray that at the end we join with all the saints to share in your everlasting banquet. Be near to all who call upon you, eternal God: **You are loving in all your works.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***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 our thanks and praise.**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

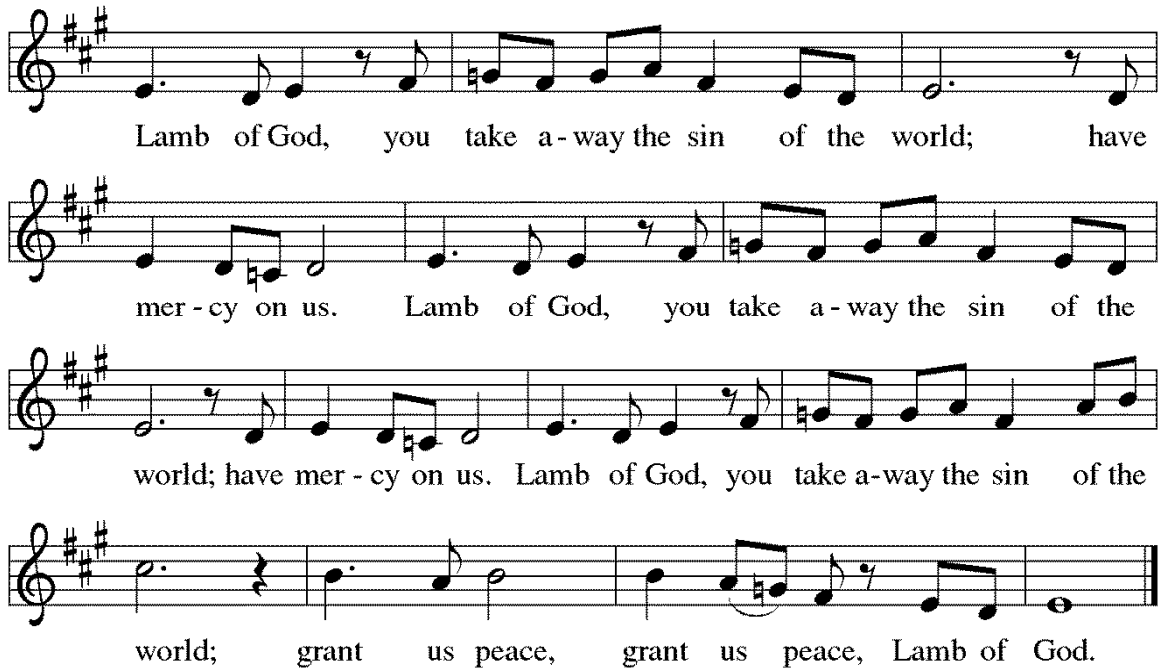
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Beginning in July there will be two worship services each Sunday. The 9:00 AM service will be outdoors and will be a sung service. The 10:30 AM service will be in the sanctuary and the service will be spoken. Pastor Ed will try to line up vocalists for the 9 AM services and instrumentalists for either services. On July 25th our chime ringers will provide music at both services. Pastor Ed will be contacting choir members to have them sing some Sundays at the 9:00 AM service. If you know of vocalists or instrumentalists who may want to share their talents with us, please pass their name on to Pastor Ed at 814-650-5584 or pastorech@comcast.net.

Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*Youth & Camping*”

Flower Committee Announcement

If you would like to sponsor flowers as a memorial or honorarium, please contact Margie Smith. The price for (2) Altar Vase flowers is \$40. You can share the expense with a friend so each pay \$20.

Donors are reminded to pay for the flowers in a timely manner, preferably on/or before the date of the memorial. Payment may be made in cash or check made payable to **St. Matthew Flower Fund**. You can place the payment in the appropriate mailbox in the hallway outside the church office.

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – by appointment for this week

Office Hours all week are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

This Week Events

Monday, Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 p.m. by Zoom

Wednesday – Thursday, Catechism Trip, Ohiopyle, PA

Friday, Pastor's Day Off

Worship Schedule Change for July & August

In July and August, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

9AM Worship Outside—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

In case of rain, the service will move to the Fellowship Hall and will be a spoken liturgy.

10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
(Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

Inside or outside, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated and required for those who are not fully vaccinated.

Home Communion Visits

Pastor Traci is available for home communion visits, either inside for those fully vaccinated or outside for those not fully vaccinated. To schedule, please call the office or cell (814-935-9267).

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Bill Brown, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, George Gilbert Sr., Donna Gearhart, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Justin Karol, Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Theo Lardieri, Dave Lehman, Cathy Loose, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orzeck.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany)

FOOD PANTRY

If you harvest more vegetables in your garden than you can use, please share with the Food Pantry, 133 E. Allegheny St. in Martinsburg on Thursdays, July 1 and July 15 between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. It will be open for food distribution on these dates between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping besides the regular volunteers.

Items most needed for July: Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup/Honey, Tuna/Hamburger Helper.

Again, we will be collecting school supplies, which can be placed in the school box in the Narthex. *Many thanks, Linda Smith*