

9th Sunday after Pentecost



AS WE GATHER

“Take heart; it is I! Do not be afraid!” In these words the disciples found comfort and strength, as their Lord came to them, walking on the water. In these words we still find comfort and strength, as our Lord comes to us now through Word and Sacrament.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN – Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE – The Lord Will Keep His Promises *St. Matthew Youth*

CHORUS

**The Lord will keep His promises, the Lord will keep His promises,
The Lord will keep His promises, the Lord will keep His promises,
The Lord will keep His promises, the Lord will keep His promises,**

**With love He takes care of all He has made.
With love He takes care of all He has made.
With love He takes care of all He has made.
The Lord will keep His promises.**

**Noah remembered as he looked at the rainbow.
Abraham recalled as he looked at the stars.
You will see as you look at his promises,
God has kept His Word so far!**

CHORUS

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

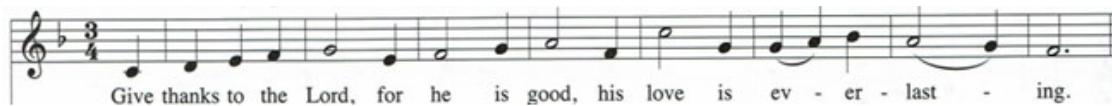
God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I 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.” ¹²And 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

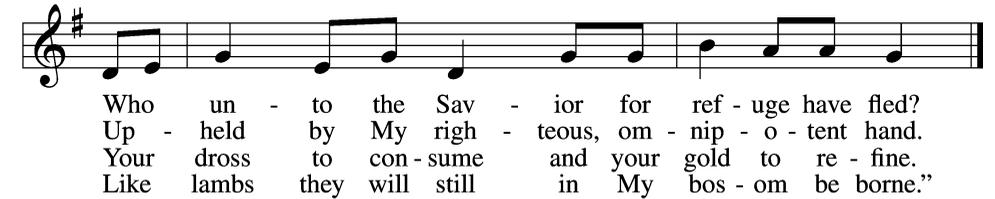
Psalm 136



THE 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



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Upcoming Worship



<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 31, Aug. 1	10 th Sun. After Pentecost	“Humility, Gentleness & Patience”
Aug. 7,8	11 th Sun. After Pentecost	“Elijah’s Rough Day”
Aug. 14,15	12 th Sun. After Pentecost	“The Bread of Life”
Aug. 21,22	13 th Sun. After Pentecost	“From the Heart”
Aug. 28,29	14 th Sun. After Pentecost	New Sermon Series - “The Armor of God” Youth Sunday

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: 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 in 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728 vs. 1-2,4-5



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:45-56

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

People: 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

St. Matthew Puppet Ministry

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."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus"* *St. Matthew Youth
Piano - Jackson Lindley*

- 1. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, trusting only You;
Trusting you for full salvation, free and true.**
- 2. I am trusting You for pardon, at your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy, trusting now.**
- 3. I am trusting You for cleansing, in the crimson flood;
Trusting you to make me holy, by Your blood.**
- 4. I am trusting You to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying, all my need.**
- 5. I am trusting You for power, You can never fail.
Words which You Yourself shall give me, must prevail.**
- 6. I am trusting You Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting You forever, and for all.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

SERMON HYMN - Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LSB 715

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -
tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear
pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING (*Offering plates are located in the back of the church.*)

SPECIAL MUSIC *“You Are Mine”*

*St. Matthew Youth
Guitar - Bruce Hunt*

**I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice, I will claim you as My choice,
Be still and know I am here.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see,
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.**

REFRAIN

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you, and you are mine**

**I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know My name.**

REFRAIN

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, You are over all things and nothing can overcome You; come to us in the midst of our fears and plant within us a confident faith, that we may trust in Your mercy and not be overcome by fear or anxiety. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to every home Your peace and Your protection, that in our fears and anxieties we may know and share the comfort of Your love and rejoice together in Your presence among us through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Wherever Your people are sick, suffering, grieving the loss of loved ones, or dying, grant to them Your every aid and blessing. (Especially...) May all who cry to You in need find a home in Your mercy, healing according to Your gracious will, and grace sufficient for their every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.