

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,****but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.****You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,****but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.****You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,****but we grow weary in doing what is right.****In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.****Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.****Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #764

"Have No Fear Little Flock"

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
 praise the Lord high above,  
 for he stoops down to heal you,  
 uplift and restore you;  
 praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
 thankful hearts raise to God,  
 for he stays close beside you,  
 in all things works with you;  
 thankful hearts raise to God!

#### GREETING

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### Word

BIBLE READING Genesis 15:1-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.  
 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.  
 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.  
 Hallelujah. Hal-le-lu-jah. *(Repeat)*

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

SERMON Rev. Julie Brenden

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #808 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN      ELW #686      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1      We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
  
- 2      May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.
  
- 3      The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
  
- 4      And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;  
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
 and the life of the Spirit  
 † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN      ELW #632      “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

- 1      O God, our help in ages past,  
       our hope for years to come,  
       our shelter from the stormy blast,  
       and our eternal home:
- 2      Under the shadow of your throne  
       your saints have dwelt secure;  
       sufficient is your arm alone,  
       and our defense is sure.
- 3      Before the hills in order stood  
       or earth received its frame,  
       from everlasting you are God,  
       to endless years the same.
- 4      A thousand ages in your sight  
       are like an evening gone,  
       short as the watch that ends the night  
       before the rising sun.
- 5      Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
       bears all our years away;  
       they fly forgotten, as a dream  
       dies at the op'ning day.
- 6      O God, our help in ages past,  
       our hope for years to come,  
       still be our guard while troubles last  
       and our eternal home.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**