

Pentecost 9

The Christian lives as wheat among weeds.



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

“Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul.” Hebrews 6:19

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Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

∞ Prayer before worship

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your might power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin, nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

Our Worship Series: THE CHURCH GROWS AS THE CHRISTIAN GROWS!

Pentecost 6	The Christian loves God above all things.
Pentecost 7	The Christian finds rest in Jesus.
Pentecost 8	The Christian is planted by the Word.
Pentecost 9	The Christian lives as wheat among weeds.
Pentecost 10	The Christians seeks spiritual wealth.
Pentecost 11	The Christian trusts God to provide
Pentecost 12	The Christian answers doubt with faith.
<i>Pentecost 13-17</i>	<i>The Church Grows as we Learn what the Church is.</i>
<i>Pentecost 18-21</i>	<i>The Church Grows when we know our God.</i>

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: THE CHRISTIAN LIVES AS WHEAT AMONG WEEDS.

The Christian lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. Today we learn to live as wheat—to think and do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort and hope.

OPENING HYMN

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To Your Temple I Draw Near



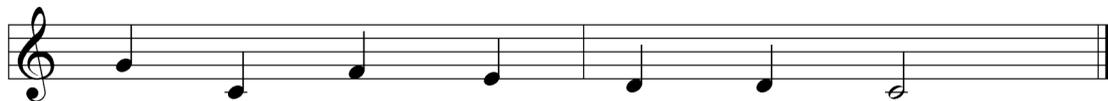
1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
 2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
 3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
 5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
 I through Christ be - come your child.
 Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
 God of love, to mine at - tend.
 Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
 That my joy - ful soul may bless
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
 Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
 In your courts to seek your face.
 Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
 Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
 Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. *(Pastor says prayer of the day)*

C: Amen

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THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Joel 3:12-16

¹²Let the nations be roused. Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations. ¹³Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow, because their wickedness is so great! ¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision! For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of Decision. ¹⁵The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will stop shining. ¹⁶The LORD will roar from Zion and shout from Jerusalem. The sky and the earth will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 18

verses spoken responsively

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.*

*He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.*

*He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.*

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,
and your right hand sustains me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

(Isaiah 55:11b)

STAND

M: The Gospel ...

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' ²⁹'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."'" ³⁶Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up

and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



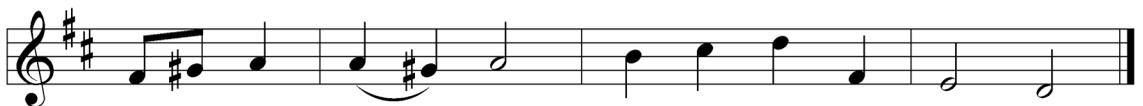
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -
3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you
4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
feat you Lest with bold de - cep-tions hurled It be -
tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a
tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

What Should We Do About the Weeds?

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M/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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - - - men.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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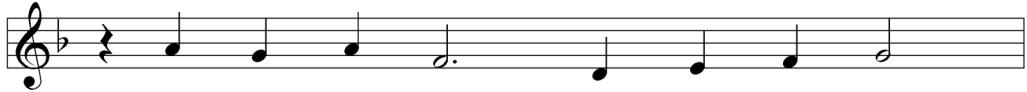
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
Through - out the earth no rest is found,
Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.

DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for Respecting our Communion Practice. The Bible teaches that partaking of the body and blood of Christ is a special assurance of forgiveness to penitent believers in Christ. It is also an expression of our oneness in the doctrines we teach and believe. Christ wants us to administer this blessed sacrament responsibly. We would ask that if you are not a communicant member of Christ Lutheran and desire the sacrament, please kindly speak with one of the pastors before the service. Pamphlets are available in the narthex which explain our communion practice according to the Holy Scriptures.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.