

# Pentecost 9

Jesus has a Heart for all His People.



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# CHRIST Lutheran Church

*"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul."* Hebrews 6:19

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**Greeters** *Sunday 8AM:*

*Sunday 10:30AM:*

**Usher Teams** *Sunday 8AM: Team E* ■ *Sunday 10:30AM: Team J* ■ *Monday 6:30PM: Miller*

## 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.

**W**elcome! 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

#### Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

528

## Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we  
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall  
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw  
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of  
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in  
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your  
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we  
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful  
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who  
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.  
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.  
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.  
 Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731–89.

## **STAND**

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

C: A - men.

The musical score for the Prayer of the Day is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a single staff of music with a double bar line at the end. The lyrics 'A - men.' are placed below the notes.

**BE SEATED**

# THE WORD

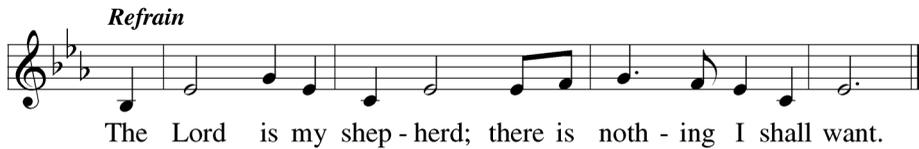


## FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

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Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people. You have scattered my flock. You have driven them away. You have not taken care of them, but I will certainly take care of you, because of the evil things you have done, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>I will gather what is left of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pastures. They will be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who will reign wisely as king and establish justice and righteousness on earth. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely. This is his name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.



*The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside quiet waters.*

*He restores my soul;  
he guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

***Refrain***

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

***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.***

***Refrain***



<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### **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)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**STAND**



**GOSPEL**

**Mark 6:30-34**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

362 Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest,  
 2 Lord, as you will, So lead me still;  
 3 I have your Word, Christ Je - sus, Lord:  
 4 Now hence - forth must I put my trust  
 5 Grant, Lord, I pray, Your grace each day,



My Hope and my Sal - va - tion! Lord, hear my  
 Your mer - cy fails me nev - er. My God, I  
 You nev - er will for - sake me! This will I  
 In you, O dear - est Sav - ior. Your gra - cious  
 That I, your name re - ver - ing, Your glo - ry



plea: De - liv - er me From mis - er - y!  
 pray: Teach me your way To my last day;  
 plead In time of need. Oh, help with speed  
 choice, Your Word and voice, Make me re - joice  
 see And hap - py be E - ter - nal - ly,



Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.  
 From e - vil keep me ev - er.  
 When trou - bles o - ver - take me!  
 Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.  
 Be - fore your throne ap - pear - ing.

Text: Hans C. Sthen, b. c. 1540, abr.; tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.  
 Tune: HERRE JESU KRIST (447 444 7) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

**SERMON:** Ephesians 2:13-22

**THE CHURCH IS FOCUSED ON CHRIST JESUS**

**I. We find peace in him**

**II. We are built on him**

*“PRAISE GOD! WE ARE HIS CHURCH!”*

*Greeting (1:1-2)*

*I. The Church praises God for what He has done.*

*A. Praise God for electing his church (1:3-14)*

*B. Praise God for bringing us into his church (1:15 – 2:10)*

*C. Praise God for including the Gentiles in his Church (2:11-13)*

*D. Praise God for Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles (3:1-21)*

*II. The Church praises God by what it does*

*A. The Church practices its unity in Christ (4:1-16)*

*B. The Church lives as children of God (4:17 – 6:9)*

*C. The Church takes its stand with the armor of God (6:10-18)*

*Conclusion: Prayers and Greetings (6:19-24)*

Paul is talking about two groups.

Who are the “ones who were far away?”

Who are the “ones who were near?”

Even though his name appears only twice in the section, Jesus is the focus. List the things Jesus did.

Consider these definitions and how Paul uses these terms to describe what we were because of our sin and what we are now because of Christ Jesus.

Foreigners: “someone who belongs to a social or political group different from yours”

Strangers: “someone who lives someplace else”

Fellow citizens: “same city”

Saints: “holy ones”

Members of God’s household: “family; dwell in the same house”

STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING**                      We Give Thee but Thine Own .....485:6

*And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be:*

*Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.*

## INSTALLATION OF MRS. AMBER FRELITZ (8:00AM)

### 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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



## CLOSING HYMN

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## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.