Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

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As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE "Have No Fear Little Flock" Burkhardt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbors.
- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.
- P Righteous God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.
- P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen

Silence is kept for reflection.

GATHERING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" ELW 771



- 1 God, who stretched the span gled heav ens in fi nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven-tured worlds un dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho ri zon beck ons, may it chal-lenge us a news



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space: known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space; chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do. fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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GREETING

- P Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P 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.
- C Amen

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

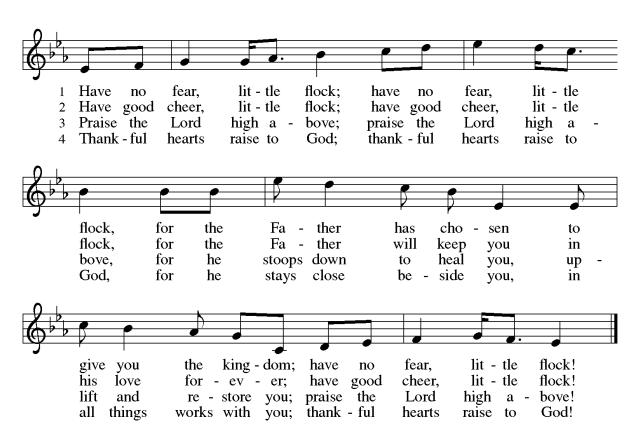
- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P [Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 - ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
 - ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear Little Flock"

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.
- A Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter (grandson of Louise), Dylan Utterback (son of Julie & Joel), Jim Detjen (brother of Mary), Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. We especially pray for **Carol** Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Jacob Gombar (uncle of Jeanne Nelson) Jean Goodale (friend of Joan Roehl), Laura Hansel (sister of Mary Detjen), Jim Hanzel, (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Tobey Lannert (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Beth Peterson (relative of Rex Roehl), Merle Peiler (former member), Pat Rodbro and Barb LaPiana (friends of Chris Miller), Janice Schmidt (sister in-law of Dorothy Stocks), Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), Katie Workman (friend of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. We pray for the family and friends of **Sharon Bockelman** (friend of Pastor Tim and Maria Linstrom). Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always
- C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING "How Great Thou Art" Lloyd Larson

soloist: Jonathan Gideon

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth

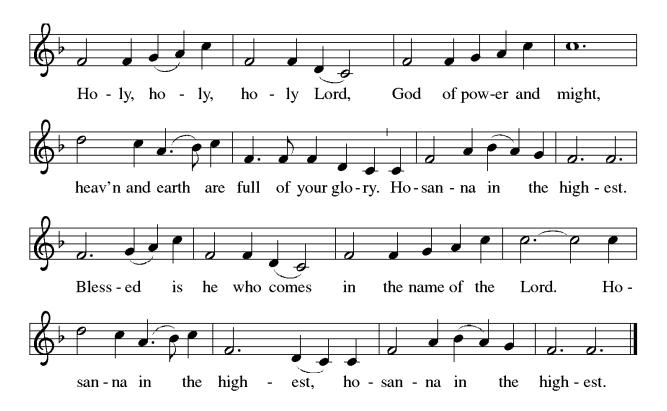
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

THE 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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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. Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

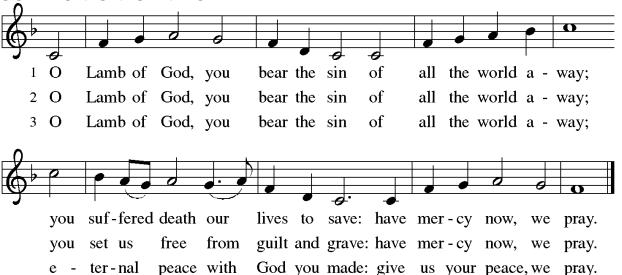
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.
- \mathbf{C} Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.





Stand after all have been communed.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE







POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Mothering God,
 you gathered us to your table
 and we drank deeply of your grace.
 Send us out by your Spirit
 to love our neighbors as ourselves
 and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P 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.
- C Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise" Burkhardt

Sanctuary flowers were donated by Corey Kalas in honor of Sandra Kalas' birthday.

<u>FELLOWSHIP OUTING</u> — This afternoon **Sunday August 10**. Come join your Holy Spirit friends for an evening under the stars at Highland Park's Ravinia, featuring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's All-Mozart performance conducted by Louis Langrée. Gates open at 3:00 and the concert begins at 5:00, but come early for 3:00 fun for kids or a 3:45 adult pre-concert talk in the Sandra K. Crown Theater. Lawn tickets are \$15, or \$12 for seniors, and you can buy in advance or right at the door. A link to purchase tickets on-line directly from Ravinia can be found on the church website at holyspirit-elca.org/#mozart.

<u>BACKPACK BLESSING</u> — Sunday August 24 Everyone is welcome to bring their backpacks and bookbags to our 9:30 service for a going back to school blessing on Sunday August 24. The Kona Ice Truck will be here for sweet treats!

LYFE BEGINS! — TUESDAY AUGUST 26 Calling all kids in 2nd-6th grade: Join us for our Tuesday LYFE Program! Our first meeting will take place Tuesday August 26 at 4:15. We'll start with a few intros and ice breakers and then move into music. Everyone needs to pre-register by Sunday Aug 24 so we can prepare for the fun! A link to register can be found on the church website at holyspirt.elca.org/children#lyfe

SEASONAL WORSHIP DECOR — Now that our sanctuary has a new fresh



look with the new tile and carpeting, perhaps we could continue to enhance our worship experience with some decorations that match the season of the church year. Banners and sanctuary decorations can add a lot to our worship experience, and we'd like to explore your interest in developing a team to do that. If you are interested in

making our seasonal worship more visible, please sign up in person or online and we'll set up a meeting to determine how to move forward. Thank you for your interest. A sign up sheet is in the gathering sapce and on the church website at holyspirit-elca.org/#seasonal.

<u>SUMMER CHOIR</u> — This is your chance if you ever wanted to give singing a try. No prior membership in choir is necessary. This is a one day thing. So all you wonderful singers hiding in the pews, come on out and "Rejoice, give thanks and sing" with the Summer Choir. We will learn our anthem before the service. Rehearsal begins at 8:30 in the sanctuary. There is just one more opportunities to join in: **Sunday August 24th.**

CALLING ALL GARDENERS — and those willing to learn! HELP IS NEEDED! The gardens at Holy Spirit need your love and work. Nancy Fencl and Sandy Ditewig are heading up a new initiative to manage the gardens— by the front door, behind the sanctuary, the front sign garden, the courtyard and areas in between. We propose that those interested adopt an area to manage— weed, plant and water. We can meet as a group or garden on your time table. We can rotate weeks to weed and water. We can plan gardening meet-ups. It is more fun to work with a buddy! No experience necessary, just a willingness to help manage the gardens before the forest takes them back! If you are interested, contact/text Nancy Fencl at njfloot@yahoo.com 847-507-0878.

QUILTERS — The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

<u>PRAYER GROUP</u> — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Weekly 10:15-11:30 am. Join us on Thursday mornings for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. We are currently studying "The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage" by Richard Rohr. How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a critical path forward today. You won't want to miss this informative study. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.

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LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoodsholyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

| HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sunday August 10 | 9:30 am | Service of Holy Communion Second Collection for World Hunger |
| | 10:45 am | Worship Music Meeting |
| | 5:00 am | Ravinia Fellowship |
| Monday August 11 | 11:00 am 7:00 pm | Worship & Music Meeting Church Council Meeting |
| Thursday August 14 | 9:30 am 10:15 am | Prayer Group Bible Study |
| Sunday August 17 | 9:30 am | Service of Holy Communion |

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