

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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THE LORD IS SURELY COMING TO GIVE YOU HIS KINGDOM - The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

OPENING HYMN **"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"** 702

✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠ P. 184-185

✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

INTROIT PSALM 147:8-11; ANTIPHON: V. 7

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
 make melody to our God on the lyre!
**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for
the earth;
 he makes grass grow on the hills.**
He gives to the beasts their food,
 and to the young ravens that cry.
**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
 nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.

GLORIA PATRI

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to

return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:22-34

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED"

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Deb Zebell	+ Darian Litzau
+ Dan Gueningsmann	+ Chad Feltmann
+ Karen Strei	+ Jeremy Radtke
+ Pam Barlau	
+ Family and Friends of Bruce Fillbrandt	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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CLOSING HYMN

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 129

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THANK YOU to Pastor Barlau and all the people who came to help clean up after the storm. It is truly a blessing to have such wonderful friends and neighbors. Dave and Rita Hoernemann

2. OUT OF OFFICE- Pastor Barlau will be out of the office Tuesday, August 12-Tuesday, August 19th. Administrative Assistant Amanda will be out of the office Thursday August 14-Friday, August 15th and Friday, August 29th.

3. NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY / MARK YOUR

CALENDARS: The Stewardship Committee is planning a new church directory event coming this Fall. Photo appointment slots in the church building will be available on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 2pm to 8:30pm and on October 4th from 10am to 4pm. Each sitting will receive one FREE church directory; one 8x10 photo and have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (no pressure sales). All photos will be shipped directly to your home. Please make sure the church office has your current phone number, street address AND PO Box number (if applicable).

4. SERVANTS NEEDED: Host/Hostess servants are needed to assist with checking families in during the church directory photo sessions on Oct 1st thru Oct 4th. You will be required to attend one simple training meeting, at the church, prior to the directory photo event. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the desk in the narthex, or contact a stewardship member or the church office at 320.395.2573. We appreciate your service. Darlene Schmidt 320.583.3022; Julie Dial 952.484.4436; Kimberly Reed 612.281.4759

5. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING: The photo appointment scheduling process has begun for our church directory project. Starting today, you can schedule your family for their portrait time. Simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box that says "**photography appointment scheduling login**", enter **MN592** in the church code field and enter the word **photos** (in lowercase letters) in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you choose to use your cellphone; simply access the website using the QR code on the back page and follow the same steps on your phone. If you need further assistance, beginning next Sunday, we will have a sign-up table before and after each Sunday morning church service. Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a FREE professional portrait. Schedule your family soon!

6. LWML - It's School Kit time. We'll be collecting school supplies for Orphan Grain Train all of August. They include spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, 24 count crayons, ruler, glue sticks, scissors, eraser, 12 count colored pencils, pencil sharpener. Place items in bin under the LWML table. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you.

7. SAVE THE DATE! Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7! Kids from ages 3 - high school will meet to celebrate the start of the Sunday school year! Watch the website, Facebook page, and your email for registration information.

8. RELEASE TIME Release time will start the week of September 8. Ellie will have a table at the Lester Prairie school open house with more information about registering your child. If you're

unable to attend, email stpauldce@gmail.com or call her at 712-299-4656

9. 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING will take place on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 pm! This meeting is for all incoming 7th graders and their parents. We will be going over expectations for the class.

10. 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING will take place on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:30 pm. This is for all incoming 8th graders and their parents.

11. SCHEDULE- For August 17 (one service)~ Ushers: Ethan Schultz, Troy Lueck, Chip Hentges; Acolytes: E. Dial, L. Brueggemeier; Greeters- Wayne & Tanya Mathews; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 10	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
Mon. Aug. 11	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tues. Aug 12- Tues. Aug 19		Pastor out of the office
Wed. Aug. 13	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Thurs. Aug. 14-Fri. Aug. 15		Admin. Assist. Amanda out of office
Fri. Aug. 15		Church Offices Closed
Sun. Aug. 17	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION



QR Code to schedule
Directory Session