

Living Word Lutheran Church of Alexandria

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS,

INVOCATION

CONFESSION, TEN COMMANDMENTS AND ABSOLUTION:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have Mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you and me. God has given his only Son, Jesus, to die for us. It is for Jesus sake that God forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. Amen

HYMN: **There is a Wideness in God's Mercy** *(music at the end of bulletin)*

PSALM: 136: 1-9

P: ¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: ²O give thanks to the God of gods,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: ³O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁴who alone does great wonders,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁵who by understanding made the heavens,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁶who spread out the earth on the waters,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁷who made the great lights,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁸the sun to rule over the day,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Genesis 9: 8-17**

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you,

that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3: 14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD - Respond “hear our prayer”

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6: 45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. ⁴⁹ But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON: Where Does God Come In?

HYMN: How Great Thou Art *(music at the end of the bulletin)*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: Go in peace to serve the Risen Living Word, Jesus Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Prayer Concerns: July 25, 2021

For our active duty military & law enforcement personnel

Jeremy Aamold, Michael Aamold, Devin Polson, Samuel Savoie, Cody Jane Wymore, Andrew Stoen, Cory Forbrook & Brian Denke

Karen Zacho – medical issues. (Nancy Anderson's sister)

Jessica Weedman – ovarian cancer. (friend of Denke family)

Jayne Schmidt - healing of severe bone condition and pain (Friend of Paul & Paulette Johnson)

Heather Bitzen-healing from brain surgery and support for her family (friend of Denke family)

Jessica- healing of severe Chron's disease

Donna Feigum-prayers for healing (friend of Carol Fingerson)

Paulette Johnson- healing of medical issues.

Marlys Weispfennig-strength and healing (mother of Ed Weispfennig)

Tony- cancer treatment (in-law of Pastor A.J.)

Wilma Johnson – continued recovery partial hip replacement

Lyn Kreps – Healing of Ovarian Cancer (Sandy Aamold's sister-in-law)

Mitch Klammer – Prayers for healing and strength after bad fall (great nephew of Ron & Jeanette Stoen)

Hannah – struggles with addiction (granddaughter of Wayne & Karen Becker)

Rob Stenman – on dialysis, in need of a kidney transplant (Family member of Pat Denke)

Bob Shaffer – dementia

Gina Shaffer – diagnosis of cancer

Linda W. – Meningitis (Friend of Pastor Nate)

Alicia B. – recovery (Friend of Pastor Nate)

Annette – Continued healing and recovery for health concerns (Terry Berger's daughter)

Teri Peterson – Chemo for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Elder and Deloris Petersons daughter-in-law)

Pastor Dave Steffenson – healing and successful treatment from pancreatic cancer (Maren Burgau

Charlotte Johnson – for recent diagnosis and as new living arrangements are made. Robin's Mom (Pat Denke)

Bruce Mitchell – health issues (friend of Elder & Deloris Peterson)

Richard Rogers – successful and quick healing following hip surgery following a fall (Paul Johnson's brother in law)

Margene Kreps – recovery and healing from a stroke (Sandy Aamolds's mother)

Julaine – successful cancer treatment (friend of Pastor Nate & Ruth)

Leisa – successful cancer treatment (friend of Pastor Nate & Ruth)

David Holt – heart issues (Darla Kaiser’s nephew)

Kate Lawrence – healing and recovery from foot surgery (Wayne & Karen Becker’s daughter)

Curt Pahan – Health issues

Melinda – New Diagnosis of leukemia

Kelley – Praise God for successful brain surgery, starting radiation

Nina – Physical problems

Dave Kaiser – healing for dislocated joint in hand

Allen – healing from serious fall (Paulettte Johnson’s brother)

Sharon Snyder – ICU with serious health issues (Wayne & Karen Becker’s sister-in-law)

Kenneth Wood – healing from leg surgery (Elder & Deloris Petersons son-in-law)

Dave – health concerns entered nursing home (Kay Elvehjems’s friend)

For Salem/Sauk Valley Lutheran Churches in Osakis as they move through the call process.

Karen Becker – healing from injuries suffered in bike accident (Carolyn Moeller)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words placed below the staff and others above it. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final system ends with a double bar line.

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is wel - come for the__ sin - ner, And a__ prom - ised grace made good;
For the love of__ God is__ broad - er Than the meas - sures of our mind;
'Tis not all we owe to__ Je - sus, It is__ some - thing more than all:

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice Which is__ more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer - cy__ with the Sav - ior; There is__ heal - ing in his blood.
And the heart of__ the e - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
Great - er good be - cause of__ e - vil, Larg - er__ mer - cy__ through the fall.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as__ great as this;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his word:

There is no place where earth's fail - ings, Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
There is room for__ fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.
There is joy for__ all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the head.
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, Tune: Early American, Sola Online Worship eResource