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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Arise in body or Spirit

Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,
G and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- A** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
G that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,
G who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

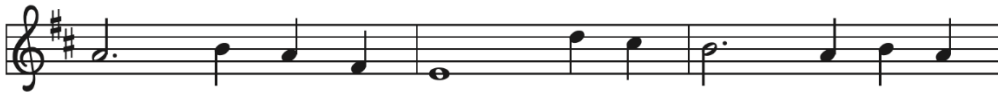
Gathering Song

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray... O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.
- ☑ **Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

- ☐ A reading from **Jeremiah:**

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

- ☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

L A reading from **Ephesians:**

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Please arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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☐ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Please arise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

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- 1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Please be seated.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **In your mercy.** The assembly prays, **Receive our prayer.***

A One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence

A For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. We lift before you *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companion Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saginaw; Welcome Corners United Methodist Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken*. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes. Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), Seth Domke (Domke), and Nathen Schick (Markwart)*. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick *especially Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Dennis Baarson, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Magdalena Garcia, The Family of Mitch Gillons, Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), the family of Reighley Hudson, Ed Markwart, Dawn McElgunn, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, Deb Talsma, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson*. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy.

C **Receive our prayer.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering Song

Create In Me

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The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.
- C** **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection.

We look with hope for Jesus' coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, our God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
 where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

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3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so
 much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be
 un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
 loved as to love with all my soul.

D.C. (ritard 4) al coda

Coda

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all
 o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav-ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- Ⓑ Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

Mission Minutes

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Blessing

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☒ Amen.

Sending Song

Love Lifted Me

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The musical score for 'Love Lifted Me' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver-y deep-ly
2 All my heart to him I give, ev-er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
3 Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
pres-ence live, ev-er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
by his love out of the an-gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift-ed me, now safe am I.
mer-its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be-long, s.
bil-lows his will o-bey; he your Sav-ior true will be; be saved to-day.

Refrain

Love lift-ed me! e - ven me! Love lift - ed me! e - ven me! When noth-ing

else could help, love lift - ed me. love lift - ed me.

Sending

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- ☛ Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sacred Rest

The action-packed book of Mark may serve as an important reminder that faith is an embodied reality, shaping how we live, move, and interact in this world. An active faith looks like an unapologetic pursuit of justice, mercy, and healing for all in need. There was and still is no shortage of work to be done in the name of Christ. So, what do we make of Jesus' invitation to "come away . . . and rest awhile"?

In a society that values hustle and productivity above all else, true rest is profoundly countercultural. And yet, rest as a discipline has much to teach us about faith and life. Perhaps most importantly, rest reminds us that we are not God. It requires faith that God is still making all things new even while we step back for our own healing and nourishment. Rest reminds us that we do not bear the salvation of the world on our shoulders. This is good news!

Additionally, taking time to rest has the potential to restore us to community, by reminding us of our rightful place in the body of Christ. We are but one part among many, which allows us to approach our work with more freedom and joy than we ever could alone. We are called to do the work of ministry in community: we all alternate rest, work, and play so that, collectively, we can move toward liberation for all God's beloved creation.

We may find this sacred rest in many places, but perhaps one such instance is in worship. Here, we come away to be with our God and each other. We feast together. We celebrate, contemplate, and praise. We remember who we are and whose we are. And then, rested and nourished, we are sent back out—to go in peace, to share the good news, and to continue to serve our neighbors in Christ's name.

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8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin

Lector – Dave Neeb

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Bill Freedlund

Lector – Gwen Hansen

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship – The Freedlunds

Red Cross Blood Drive Grace is hosting a blood drive on Monday, August 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. You can sign up for a donation appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by using the donor app. Donors giving in the month of August receive a \$20 Amazon gift card through email. Questions? Call 269.945.9414. If you can volunteer to help and/or donate refreshments for the drive, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship Jesus who walks among us and gives us a healing touch.

Stewardship Information

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Attendance: 49

Views: 134

Weekly Giving: \$2,165.00

Budget Amount: \$4,366.17

Noisy Offering: \$38.91

Information from 7/14 just update from here

Grace Projects Goal \$ 25,252.00

Received To Date -\$ 2,936.32

Total Needed \$22,3315.68

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$21.32

Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show Please join us this coming **Sunday, July 28** for the 9th Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show from 9:00 until 3:00. There will be a combined worship service beginning at 10:00. Registration for participants begins at 9:00 with dash plaques being given to the first 40 entrants. Food and beverages are being provided by Thrivent beginning at 11:30.

The nursery is available weekly during the 10:45 worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

Adult Forum please join us at 9:30 with Pastor Ken leading the study.

Cereal Band Concert on August 18 from 3-5 pm at Gull Lake Manor House. Music includes marches, Broadway favorites, classical, folk, jazz and other popular tunes. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Barry County Cares needs household cleaning supplies and personal care products (especially laundry detergent and dish soap). If you would like to donate, there is a box located at the entrance. **Items are due Monday, July 29th.** Thank you for your support.

TURKEYVILLE Millon Dollar Quartet on October 12 at 12 p.m. The trip to Turkeyville includes a full turkey meal and the play. Tickets are \$65.00 and payable to Bill Freedlund. Please place cash or checks in an envelope provided in the Gathering Area, and give to Brenda Hess, Parish Administrator. **DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP & PAYMENT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.** There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.