

## Divine Service - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### Opening Hymn: 607 ss. 1-5

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win  
Or stand before Thy presence?

2 Thy love and grace alone avail  
To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail  
To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.

3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just:  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

4 And though it tarry through the night  
And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might  
Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
Now wait for His appearing.

5 Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

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

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: 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 by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by

your grace we may come to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Absolution**

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### **The Introit of the Day** PS 145:5, 1-3, 6-7

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

### **Gloria Patri**

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Kyrie**

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Gloria in Excelsis**

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for  
Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father  
Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most  
high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Old Testament Reading:** GENESIS 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,  
9 "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you,  
10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.  
11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again

shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

12 And 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 cloud, 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.”

### **The Gradual** ROMANS 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### **The Epistle:** 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 is named,  
16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may have strength 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, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all

that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,  
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Verse:** MARK 6:50c

Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

### **The Holy Gospel:** ST. MARK 6:45-56

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.

48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them,

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 And 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 to the shore.

54 And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him

55 and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

## **Choir:** “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide;  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.

2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent,  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.

4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart’s defense,  
The Church’s glorious confidence.

## **The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who

for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Sermon Hymn:** 717 ss. 1, \*2, \*3, 4

1. Eternal Father, strong to save  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave  
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea!

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power!  
Our people shield in danger's hour;

From rock and tempest, fire and foe  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**Sermon:** "Take Heart; it is I. Do not be Afraid." MARK 6:45-56

### **The Offertory:**

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew  
a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take  
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

#### **The Closing Hymn:** 715 ss. 1-3

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me,  
Over life's tempestuous sea:  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from Thee—  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

3 When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twi'xt me and the peaceful rest—  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee!"

### **The Benediction**

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD  
make His face shine on you and be gracious to  
you. The LORD look upon you with favor and †  
give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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