

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10 August 2025
9:30 AM- Livestream



Worship Team- 9:30 AM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan

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Musicians- FLC Contemporary Team

Ushers- Dave Barnum & Denise Parkin

Welcome Table- Suzie Ernest & Annette Jefferson

Guest Cantor- Barb Janzen

AV Guide-

Gold Highlight w/ Red Text = camera shot

Numbers in parenthesis = camera shot numbers

Blue Highlight w/ White Text = video

Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Robert Lowry, Arr. by Marcia Wells
Barb Janzen, keyboard
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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

Welcome

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gathering Hymn

ELW 618 Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Greeting

*Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.
The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.*

**L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

**L: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Josh Edwards

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Children's Response

Praise Him, Praise Him

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.
Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

First Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Beth Bradley

[Camera- Lectern Center (8)]

A reading from Hebrews.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 174 Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Music: Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Hymn of the Day

WOV 783 Seek Ye First

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4

Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Prayers of Intercession

TBD

Response: ACS 1079 Open My Heart

Text: Ana Hernández, b. 1957

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

*Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.
The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.*

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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 brief silence.

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. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Elizabeth and Jeff.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

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.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

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. Grant wisdom to all in authority, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

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.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Baptism of Ava Vanella

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Processional (3)]

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

L: Jennifer Vanella (parent), Travis Vanella (parent), Melanie Manes (godparent) , & Joseph Manes (godparent), who do you present for baptism?

S: I/We present Ava Vanella for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Ava, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ava in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

L: People of God, do you promise to support Ava and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

L: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Ava, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Ava with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Ava, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Sharing of the Peace

Pr. Ben Colahan

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Pr. Ben Colahan

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Sunday School Video

[VIDEO]

Great Thanksgiving

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

**On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
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.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

Remembering him therefore, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Agnus Dei

ELW Setting 10, p. 208

[Camera- Lectern (8)]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Songs

ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

Text: African American spiritual

[Camera- Processional (3), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

ELW 485 I Am the Bread of Life

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

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"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

TBD

[Camera- Lectern (8)]

**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.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song

ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Text: African American spiritual

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done.

Refrain

Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Blessing

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Narthex (15)]

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

**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.**

Amen.

Dismissal

TBD

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in D minor, BWV 935

J. S. Bach

Barb Janzen, keyboard

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

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