



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 30, 2023

*Lutheran Book of Worship – Setting Two*

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (LBW #476)



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

© Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 © Tune: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

LITTLE FLOCK  
 66 76 6

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (“Lord, have mercy...” LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    Ⓞ A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung by pastor and congregation. Ruth 2:4*

Ⓞ The Lord be with you.    Ⓞ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>{Moses said to the Israelites,} “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations ....”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 125 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the Lord are | like Mount Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

<sup>2</sup>**The hills stand a- | bout Jerusalem;\***  
**so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for- | evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted | to the just,\*  
so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup>**Show your goodness, O Lord, to those | who are good\***  
**and to those who are | true of heart.**

<sup>5</sup>As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the | evildoers;\*  
but peace be | upon Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "From God Can Nothing Move Me" (LBW #468)

1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side,  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
 3 When in my dark - est hour, . . I can on him re - ly;  
 4 Praise God with hearts and voic - es, For both are gifts from him;

But al - ways will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 I have from him the pow - er All e - vil to de - fy.  
 A trou - bled world re - joic - es Each time we wor - ship him.

He stretch - es out his hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He cares for all my needs, From sin and shame cor - rects me,  
 For God a - lone has might, And I shall nev - er fear it;  
 The days we spend on earth With - out our God are wast - ed,

Pro - vid - ing his fore - warn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 From Sa - tan's bonds pro - tects me; Not e - ven death suc - ceeds.  
 My bod - y, soul, and spir - it Be - long to him by right.  
 For we shall not have tast - ed His joy in end - less birth.

5 Yet even though I suffer  
 The world's unpleasantness,  
 And though the days grow rougher  
 And bring me great distress,  
 That day of bliss divine,  
 Which knows no end or measure,  
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
 Forever shall be mine.

6 We were by God created  
 In his own time and place,  
 And by his Son persuaded  
 To follow truth and grace.  
 The Spirit guides our ways  
 And faithfully will lead us  
 That nothing can impede us.  
 To God be all our praise!

© Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532-1598; tr. Gerald Thorson, b. 1921  
 Tune: Christliche und Tröstliche Tischgesenge, Erfurt, 1572

VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN  
 76 76 67 76

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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 catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available.

*We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

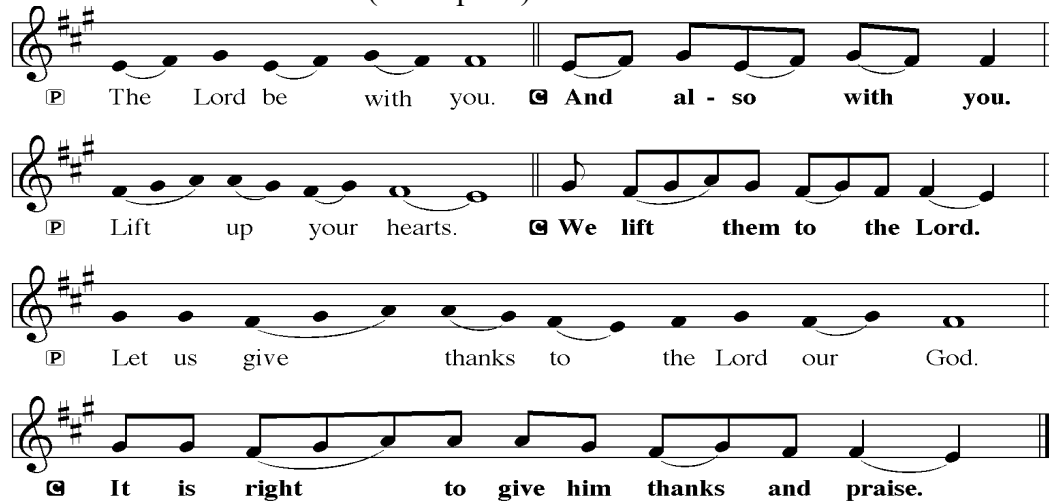
#### OFFERTORY HYMN and OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW pp. 86-87)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



The musical notation for Great Thanksgiving consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

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 in 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:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



The musical notation for Sanctus consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: **C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 92) *John 1:29*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

### WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.*

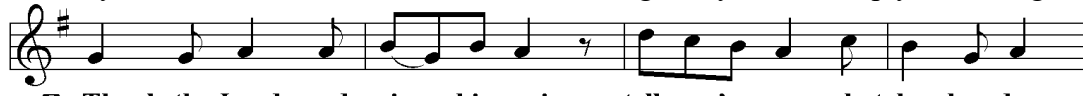
- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

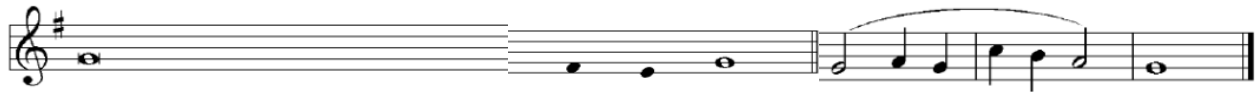


with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (adapted from SBH p. 13) & BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, that we who have received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**



☩ 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.

A - - - men

# GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessings" (LBW #221)

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The  
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall  
your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His  
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To  
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing Give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

© Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt.  
Tune: Welsh folk tune

THE ASH GROVE  
6611 6611 D

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com from Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and Service Book and Hymnal (SBH). Copyrights 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted/streamed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License SB145339. One License Annual License A-731462 REPRINTED/STREAMED WITH PERMISSION UNDER ONE LICENSE #A-731462. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!



Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

**Who We Are** - As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:  
**Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**

Ministers: Joy Mission Church  
Pastor: Rev. Paulette D. McHugh  
Pianist: Lavenia Hentz  
Parish Administrator: Scheri Force  
Visit us at [www.joymission.church](http://www.joymission.church)

