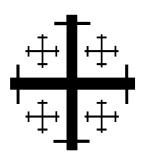
Pentecost IX

10 August 2025

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Prelude Dove of Peace
Setting by Robert Hobby (c. 2007)

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession And Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P 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.

C Amen

P 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C 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.

- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Please turn in place as the cross passes in procession.

Entrance Hymn The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831)



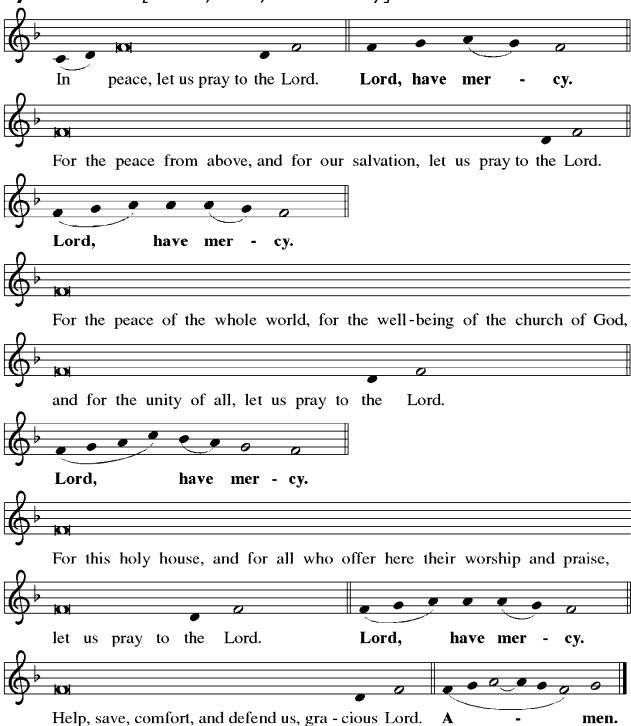
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Apostolic Greeting

- P 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.





Hymn Of Praise



Prayer Of The Day



P Let us pray... 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.

C Amen

Please be seated for today's scripture readings

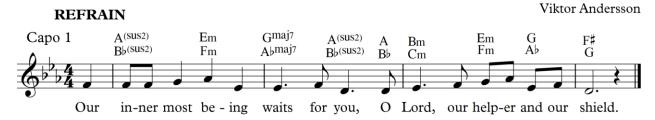
First Reading Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Psalm 33:12-22



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- 1. Happy the nation whose God is the Lord. Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind. **Refrain**
- 2. God sits enthroned and watches the earth. God fashions all hearts and observes all deeds. Lord we trust in you. An army saves not a King; great strength ensures no victory. **Refrain**
- 3. Our heart rejoices in you, O Lord. Your eye is on those who wait for your love. Our trust is in your name. Let your loving kindness be on us. You deliver us from death. **Refrain**

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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.

⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore 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."

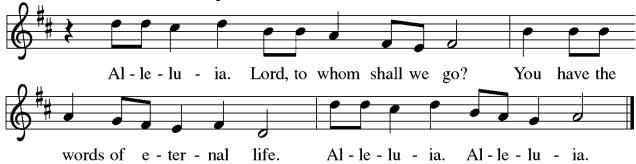
¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed

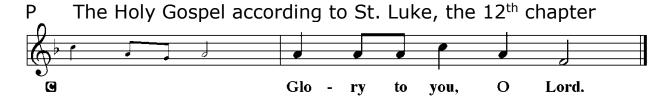
that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel







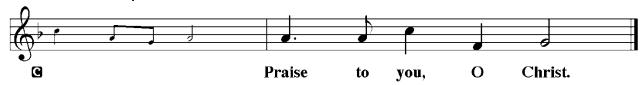
[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If 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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon Pastor Kyle Rouze

Hymn Of The Day Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

All 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

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Peace

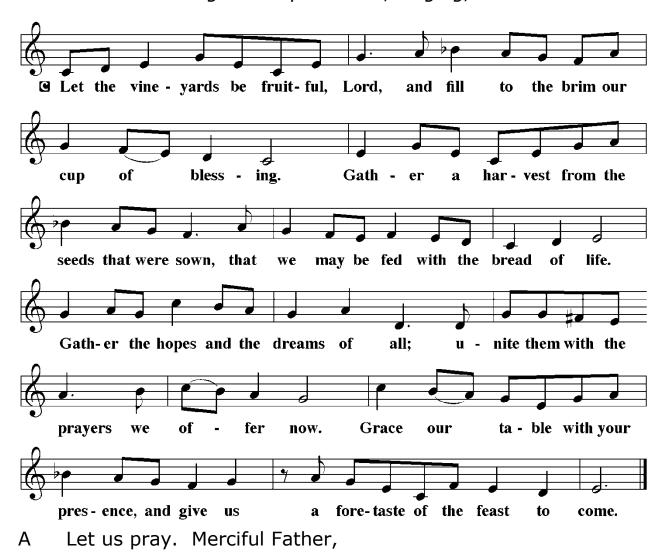
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory Holy Now - Pr. Kyle Rouze, Guitar Peter Mayer



Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

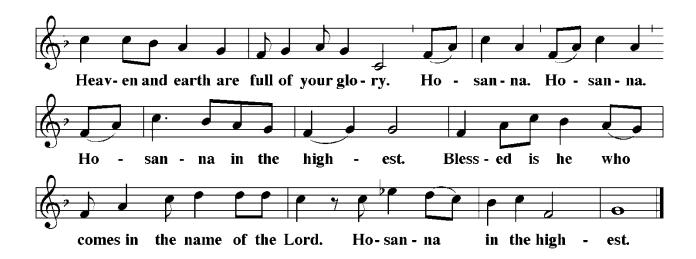
Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]





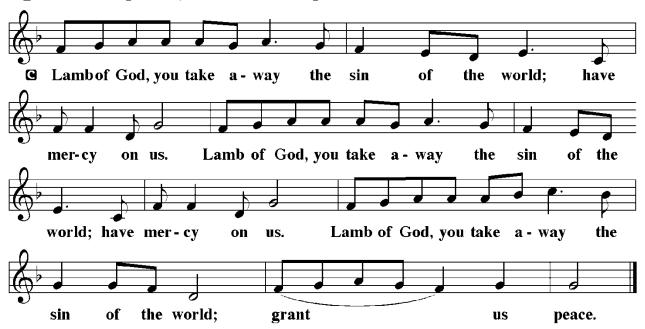
Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- All 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.
- P The body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]





HOLY COMMUNION

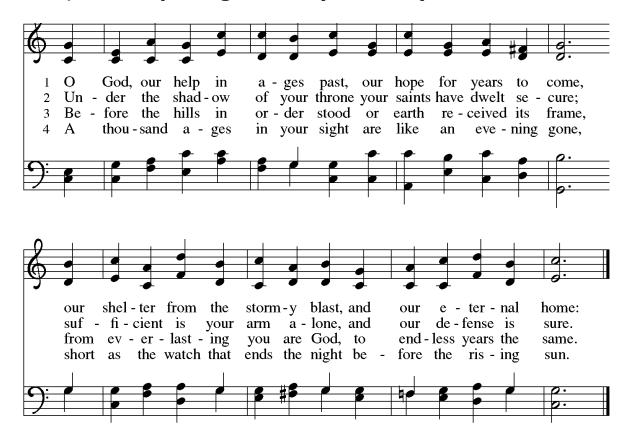
In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide you.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

The following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Borning Cry (ELW 732)

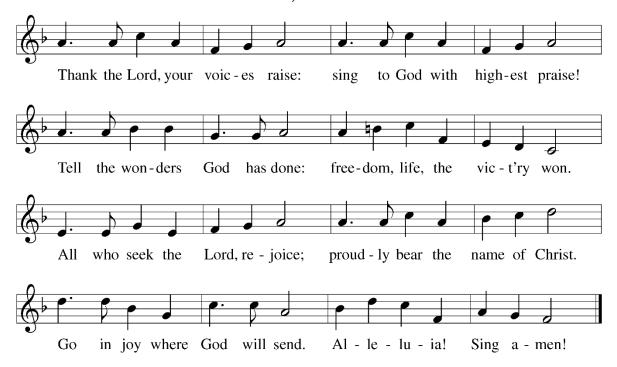




P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord, Your Voices Raise



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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A Let us pray... 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.

C Amen

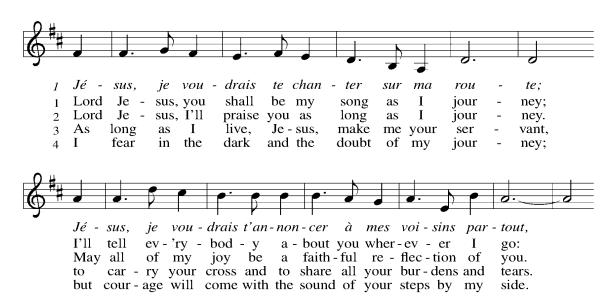
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

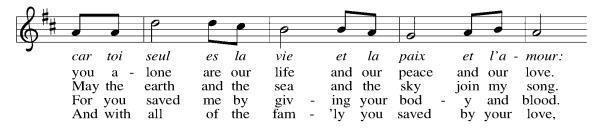
♣ give you peace.

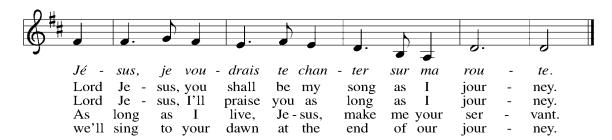
C Amen

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

Recessional Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song (ELW 808)







- 2 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route; Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie, et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel; Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.
- 3 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais partager les soufrances de ta croix, car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.
- 4 Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans le nuit près de moi, jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931 Music: Les Petitres Soeurs, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community Text and music © 1987 Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Prelude et Fughette

A.P.F. Boely (1785-1858)

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
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Assist. Minister	Mickey Nowell	Lou Ann Fisher
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Altar Guild	Meg Acker	The DeFrang Family
Audio / Live Stream	Gary Graeber	Zach Williams

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 Sunday, August 10, 2025

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Monday, August 11, 2025

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs Thursday, August 14, 2025

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord Friday, August 15, 2025

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.