

PENTECOST 9

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, lets quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 279, 338, 537, 332

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 279: O Word of God Incarnate

**1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise you for the radiance that from that hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**2 The Church, from you, dear Master, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's journey through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**3 Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we cannot do anything that is good without you.

Therefore we ask you to grant us the will and the wisdom to think and do the things that are pleasing in your sight, so that with your enabling power, we may live out our lives to the glory of your name through J Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. 5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

THE PSALM:Psalm 23

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd,

CONGREGATION: **I shall not be in want.**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

CONGREGATION: **He restores my soul**

Pastor: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

CONGREGATION: **I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;

CONGREGATION: **My cup overflows.**

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life

CONGREGATION: **And I will dwell in the house of the
LORD forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON : Ephesians 2:13-22

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

THE VERSE

Pastor: My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

THE SECOND LESSON:

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-34

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” 32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 338: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

THE SERMON TEXT: Mark 6:30-34

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Rest In His Peace

1. Jesus wants us to rest in him.

Why did Jesus want to take his disciples away?

Away from what?

Away for what?

2 Know what it means for the Christian to rest.

Were the disciples worn down or worked up?

3. Embrace Jesus’ example.

What did Jesus see as he looked at the crowd?

What about the needs of his disciples?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN 537: Onward, Christian Soldiers

**1 Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see his banners go!
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**2 Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**3 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**4 Onward, then, ye faithful; Join the happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
This though countless ages saints and angels sing.
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

BLESSING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 332: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—You are my own.**

**2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall after the worship service. A sign up sheet for coffee hour treats is posted on the counter next to the coffee pots in the fellowship hall.

1 Bible Hour meets after worship this morning. We continue our study of Ecclesiastes and our study of the witnessing Bible study, “Let’s Go: Love - Listen - Lead.

2. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays.

You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email.

This week, we continue the study of Revelation.

3. God’s Wonder Lab - Family Bible Camp - July 19-23

Thanks to all our helpers.

We had a great time and we ate really well!

4. We are invited to be the guests of our fellow believers at Shepherd of the Lakes, Linden, on July 25th, as they celebrate the ordination and installation of their new pastor—Caleb Schaewe. The service on July 25th will begin at 3:00 pm and a fellowship meal will follow the service. Shepherd of the Lakes is located at 16214 Linden Road, Linden, MI.

5. The new Christian Worship Hymnal will be released this Advent Season. If you would like to learn more about this new hymnal, we have booklets entitled “Christian Worship Preview” on the counter

beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. You can also go to the hymnal website: christianworship.com.