

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 22 & 25, 2021

**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. This part of the Church Year focuses on the response of faith.

**The Sunday** Some have called this Sunday “Orthodoxy Sunday” because of the emphasis on the pure Word; that’s the Word Christ has given and by which he called us to be his own; that’s the Word by which he strengthens us when we are worn out, humanly speaking, as a result of faithfulness to it in all of its truth and purity. The appropriate response to the hearing of the pure Word is a clinging to it and share it thereby Christ’s faithfulness to us finds a response in our joyful faithfulness to him in worship and in life.

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

### Hymn

### *Christ is Our Cornerstone* Hymn 528



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we  
2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall  
3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw  
4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of  
ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in  
near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your  
plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we  
One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful  
chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who  
ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.  
pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.  
blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.  
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731–89.

*Stand*

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we

**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and

**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through his  
Word and Sacrament.  
We acknowledge our  
sin and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the focus  
of our worship.

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

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

### **Absolution** (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## Glory Be To God *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung)

Luke 2:14

1. All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

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## THE WORD

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### Salutation

M: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Lesson:

**Numbers 27:12-23**

So "Moses did as the LORD commanded him." He was faithful, and the Lord blessed his faithfulness far more than he chastised his moment of unfaithfulness. That is also our warning and our comfort as we strive to do as the Lord has commanded us in his pure Word.

<sup>12</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, <sup>14</sup> for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

<sup>15</sup> Moses said to the LORD, <sup>16</sup> "May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community <sup>17</sup> to go out and come in before

them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

<sup>18</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. <sup>19</sup> Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. <sup>20</sup> Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. <sup>21</sup> He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

<sup>22</sup> Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. <sup>23</sup> Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses. (NIV)

**Psalm of the Day** The congregation will sing the refrain and read the verses together

**Psalm 23**



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,\*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

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**Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21**

These words urge a particular response to the gospel in those who proclaim it and in those who hear it. Frail and imperfect as their leaders may be, the leaders do well to live honorably and with a conscience that need not accuse them of unfaithfulness to either the law or the gospel. When congregations have such leaders, the leaders will not be placing stumbling blocks in front of the respect that is their due *for the sake of the work, of the gospel*. For faithfulness to the Word on the part of the leaders equips the hearers for faithfulness, for doing what is pleasing and what glorifies our God and only Savior, our chief Pastor, Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>7</sup> Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

<sup>18</sup> Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. <sup>19</sup> I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
(NIV)

**Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:**

**Mark 6:30-34**

May we ever be eager to do what the disciples did, to report to him *all* that we have done and taught. Jesus will be delighted to hear us. More than that, he will know and understand that because of the weakness of our mortal frames we have become worn and tired in the struggle against the enemy inside ourselves as well as foes of the gospel on the outside. And so he will take us aside—ah, what a delight!—and go with us to a quiet place where we may hear him and feast on his words for us, just for us. After we have been with Jesus. It is time to live joyfully for him, even as we look forward to and anticipate a return to report to him and hear him call us aside to himself.

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> 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.”

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> 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. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lord, Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest* Hymn 362:1,4,5



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest,  
4 Now hence - forth must I put my trust  
5 Grant, Lord, I pray, Your grace each day,



My Hope and my Sal - va - tion! Lord, hear my  
In you, O dear - est Sav - ior. Your gra - cious  
That I, your name re - ver - ing, Your glo - ry



plea: De - liv - er me From mis - er - y!  
choice, Your Word and voice, Make me re - joice  
see And hap - py be E - ter - nal - ly,



Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.  
Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.  
Be - fore your throne ap - pear - ing.

Text: Hans C. Sthen, b. c. 1540, abr.; tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845-1925, alt.  
Tune: HERRE JESU KRIST (447 444 7) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87.

## Sermon      **Worship is the Joyful Response of Faith**    Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21

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### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C: Amen.**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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### **Preface**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Communion** Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

## **Distribution**

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**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

# Hymn

## *Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening* Hymn 283:1,4



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.  
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.