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## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T August 1, 2020 T 5:00 pm

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Prelude

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

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

C Amen.

Opening Song:

“10,000 Reasons”

*by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman*

*[Chorus]*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

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*[Verse 1]*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

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*[Verse 2]*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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*[Chorus]*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

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*[Piano Interlude]*



[Verse 3]

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

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[Bridge]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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[Outro]

Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

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## God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,  
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'  
— and You, [O God,] forgive the guilt of my sin."*

*Psalm 32:5b NIV*

- P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."  
*John 20:21,23 NIV*

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

### Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

#### "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB # 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra-grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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### Introit

*Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon: v. 1*

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

C make known His deeds among the peoples!

P He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

C They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

P For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

C So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;  
C make known His deeds among the peoples!

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together:  
C Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### God's Gift of His Word

*By ourselves we are spiritually dead.  
By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.  
However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.  
He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:  
"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
through the living and enduring word of God."*

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5 ESV

*[Through the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord says,]*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

“Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-13 NIV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]*

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only

so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of His call – she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14:1-2, 13-21

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]*

At that time Herod the Tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” ...

Now when Jesus heard this, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”

And He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day:

“Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion”

LSB # 559:1-3

1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,  
God of grace, That with all our fall - en race  
In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy  
so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly! ■■■▶

2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from  
 3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your  
 sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.  
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His  
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the  
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.  
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.

Sermon “Lord, How Great Is Your Compassion!” *Matthew 14:13-21*

Hymn of the Day: “Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion” *LSB # 559:4-5*

4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your  
 truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.  
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion  
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.

5. I will praise Your great compassion • Faithful Father, God of grace,  
 That with all our fallen race • In our depth of degradation  
 You had mercy so that we • Might be saved eternally.

## Apostles' Creed

P We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

## Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

— Hebrews 4:14-16

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For the good health results of Pastor Mark's angiogram this past Thursday.
- That Jose, a man who had Covid 19 who we have been praying for since mid-March, has been released from the hospital and moved to rehab. He was on life support for three months.
- For the remission of Pat Davison's breast cancer and God's blessings on her remaining chemo treatments.

### Prayers for Healing:

- For former MtO teacher Joe Fountain suffering with esophageal cancer & his chemotherapy.
- For Marilyn Beugin awaiting results of a second round of medical tests.
- For Ron Maly who fell, suffering a broken pelvis, and is now in rehab.
- Ian Thompson; Dale Foltman; Joan Koch's brother, Bill - cancer; John Light's girlfriend – in a nursing home due to health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid – upcoming medical tests; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Kathryn Sprecher; & Pastor Jim Stogdill – melanoma.
- For Gerry Meiners who is home recovering from a bacterial infection & fluid around his lungs.
- Those infected with COVID-19.

Prayer for Relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its resultant consequences.

Prayer for Protection of & Provision for members of the MtO Lutheran faith community, both congregation & school, who are continuing to "shelter in place" in view of the pandemic.

Prayer for Christians around the world who are being persecuted and even martyred for the sake of Jesus' name and the Christian Faith.

Prayer for safe travels

Prayers for our Country:

- In view of the pandemic.
- In view of civil unrest.
- In view of the approaching campaign and election.

Special Intercession for Jo, Charlyn Smith's sister, who needs real Christian support and strengthening of faith.

Prayers for Mt. Olive and its Ministries:

- God's help & blessings for members of our School community, including: Jenn Foster-Krueger and her children Kaitlin & Emma; Wendy & Brian Hatcher and their sons, Noah & Micah; Lauren & Lawrence Prunty and their children, Matthew, Katy & Sam; Heather & Brett Tamminga and their children Lucas & Ivy; and Connie & Frank Williams and their children Frankie & Ava.
- God's guidance & blessings on our church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation & school, and that others would be prayerfully led to join them in the Lord's service.
- That God would show each of us ways to pray for and to reach out to others in Jesus' name where we live, work, and play.

*The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:*

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed. We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...  
Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!* – 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

*To maximize health & safety for everyone, offering plates will not be passed during the service.  
You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand  
at the door to the worship area either as you enter or leave the Divine Service.  
We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting  
His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

## God's Gift of His Supper

*Out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive & a part of His family.  
The relationships within our earthly families are strengthened through shared meals.  
Even more so is our relationship with God and one another strengthened by a meal:  
"Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?  
Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?"  
Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread."  
– 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 NNAS*



## An Explanation of the Supper

### Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

### Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T<sup>r</sup> body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T<sup>r</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The Peace of the Lord

P Together, in, with, and under the bread and wine, this is the very body and blood of our crucified but risen Savior, Jesus Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; therefore, the peace of the Lord is with you always.

C Amen.

## God Gives Us the Gift of Jesus' Body and Blood

*Jesus has said "This is My Body, this is My Blood, given and shed for YOU for the Forgiveness of Sins."*

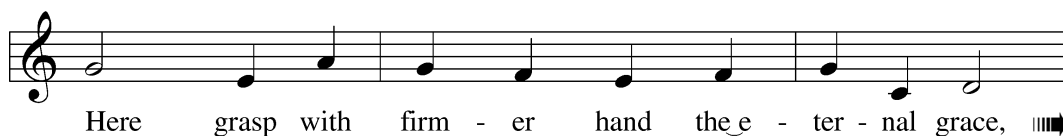
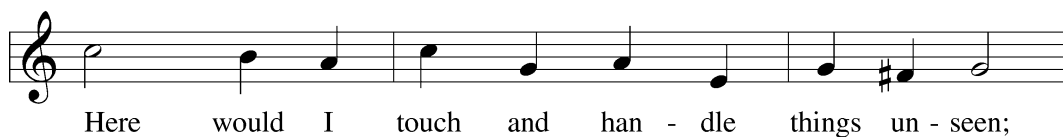
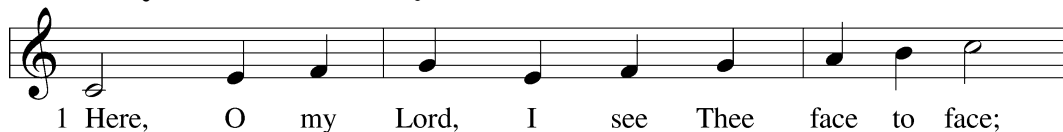
*During the singing of the first five verses of the following hymn,  
the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.*

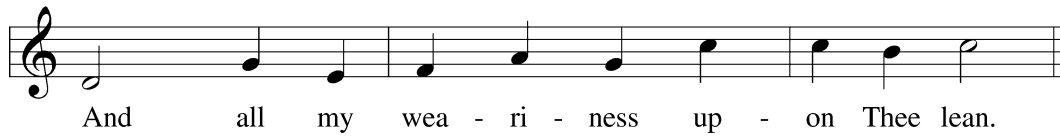
*The communion wafer will be given to you in a cup. The wine will be given to you in another cup.*

*After eating and drinking place both of the empty cups in the container presented to you.*

### Distribution Hymn: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

LSB # 631:1-5





2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
 Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
 Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
 The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

4. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
 Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
 It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

### The Dismissal

P Now may this True Body and True Blood of Jesus, our crucified but risen Savior, strengthen and preserve each of you in the True Faith from now until our Lord returns. His Peace is with you. Your sins have been forgiven indeed!

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn: "Here, O My Lord . . . "

*LSB # 631:6-7*

<p>6. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;          The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;          The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;          Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.</p>	<p>7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,          Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,          Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,          The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.</p>
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### Final Prayer

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant  
 that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;  
 that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word  
 may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;  
 that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;  
 that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and  
 that our bodies which have tasted of Your Son's Body and Blood  
 may be restored to newness of life through faith in Him.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,  
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

Closing Song: "By Faith" Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

1. By faith we see the hand of God • In the light of creation's grand design  
 In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
 Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
 With the power of His promise in their hearts  
 Of a holy city built by God's own hand • A place where peace and justice reign

*Chorus:* We will stand as children of the promise  
 We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward  
 Till the race is finished and the work is done  
 We'll walk by faith and not by sight

3. By faith the prophets saw a day • When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
 With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
 And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go  
 In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
 To deliver captives and to preach good news • In every corner of the earth

*Chorus*

*Brief Interlude*

5. By faith this mountain shall be moved • And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
 For we know in Christ all things are possible • For all who call upon His name

*Repeat the Chorus Twice*

*Ending:* ...We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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Announcements and Postlude

For your convenience, here is the service schedule  
 between now and the end of September:

Week	Date	Week	Date
<u>Next:</u>	Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 am	2.	Saturday, August 15, at 5:00 pm
3.	Sunday, August 23, at 9:00 am	4.	<i>Sunday</i> , August 30, at 9:00 am
5.	Saturday, September 5, at 5:00 pm	6.	Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 am
7.	Saturday, September 19, at 5:00 pm	8.	Sunday, September 27, at 9:00 am

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