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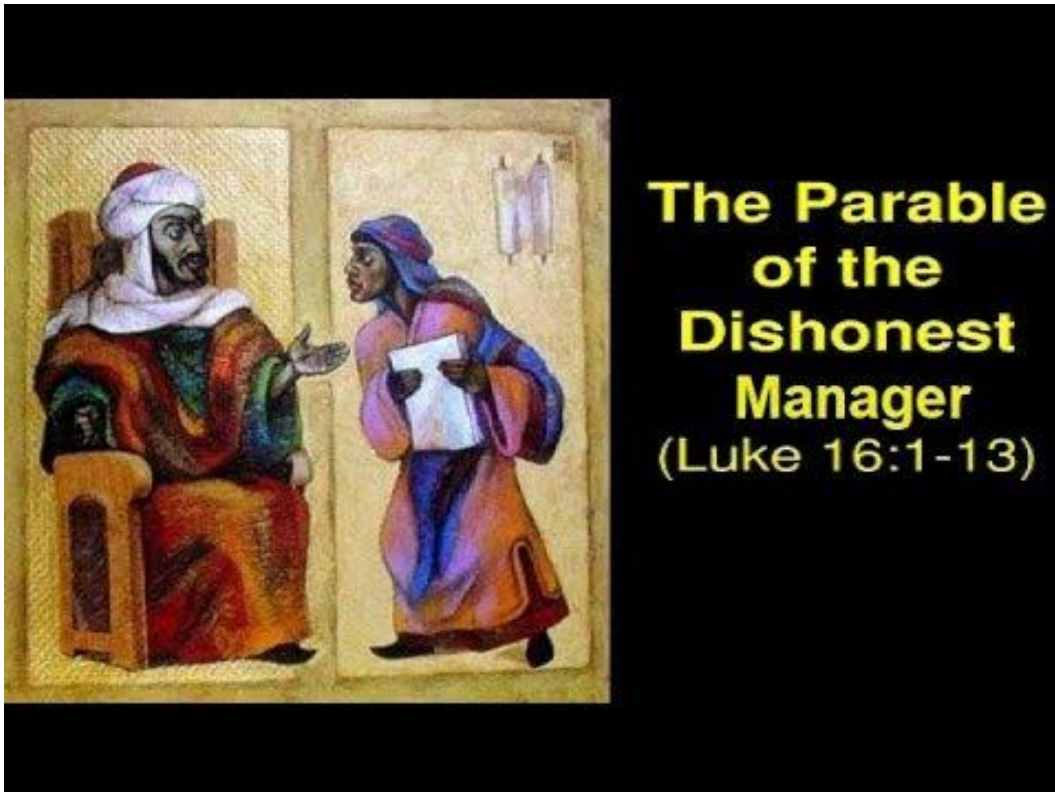
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The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

17August A✠D 2025

Divine Service, Setting III

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we celebrate the Ninth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider how God wants us to deal with money. By nature, we're inclined to place our trust in money, and to live for its sake. However, God wants us to place our trust in Him alone, remembering that He has saved us forever in the cross of Christ. Therefore, rather than idolizing money, we should treat it as a tool by which God equips us to bless others and further His kingdom.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as
I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart to
the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 726 Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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Service of the Word

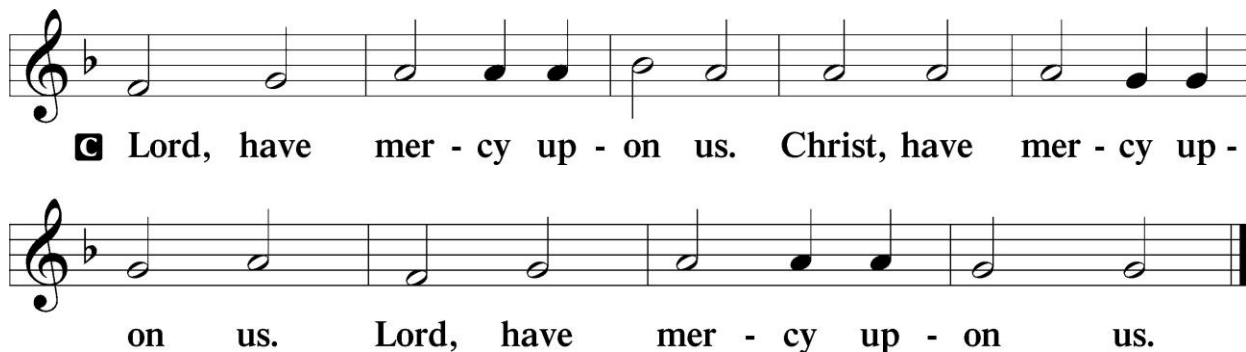
Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5

- P** Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- C** He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.
- P** O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
- C** O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- P** For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.
- C** For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.
- All:** 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.
- P** Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- C** He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

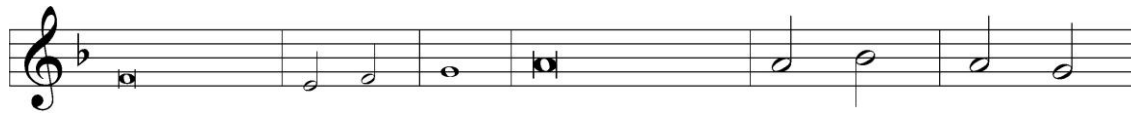


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

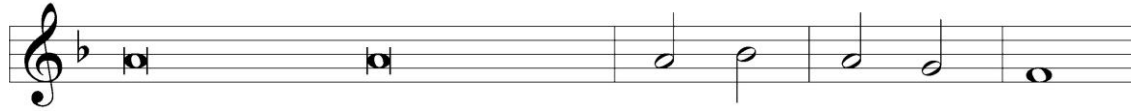
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



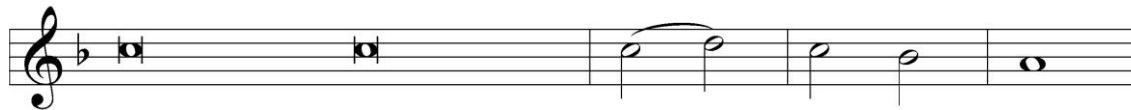
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



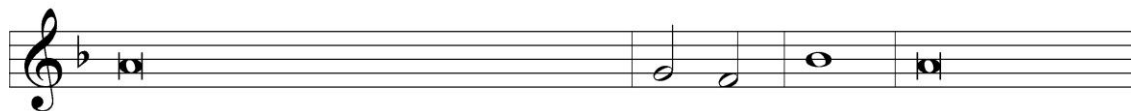
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



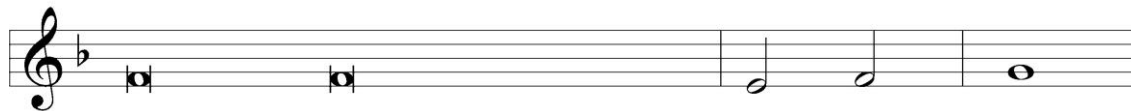
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



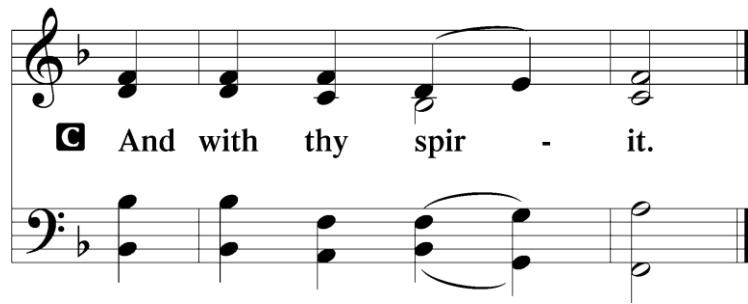
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

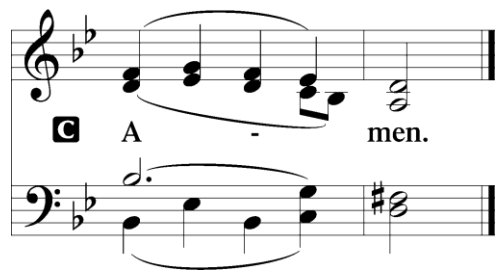
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22:26–34

- ²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.

³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 8:1

P O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C You have set your glory
above the heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

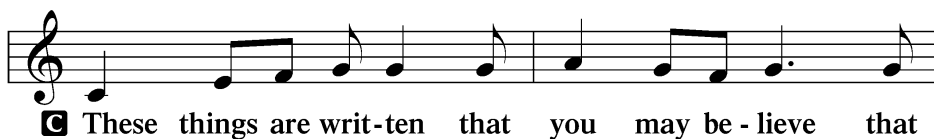
⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

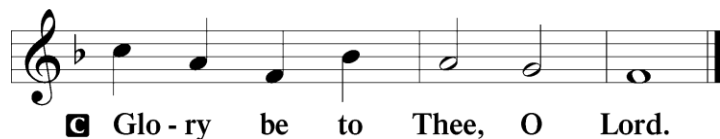




Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

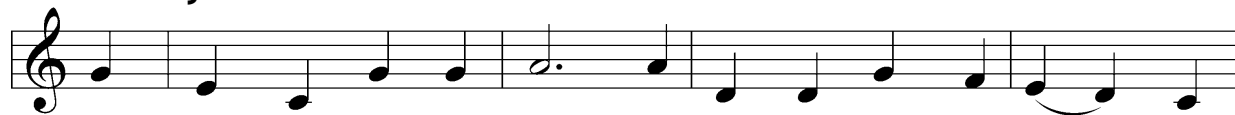
**All: I believe in one God, the Father
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very
God of very God, begotten, not
made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things
were made; who for us men and
for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the
Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was
crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the
Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I
acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I
look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located at the end of your pew.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word. Bless pastors, that they may be faithful stewards, and grant that Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit help us always to be good and faithful stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant that we may generously speak of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** God of justice, deliver our common life from all cheating, swindling and robbery. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that each would seek not his own advantage, but the good of others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. Give true wisdom to the people of our nation and humility to those who act

and decide for our governance, and let the lamp of Your perfect Word and way enlighten their faith and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Faithful God, preserve those who are suffering temptation and any affliction [*especially*_____]. Make clear to them the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it and stand firm through faith in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, give us patience in tribulation and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Comfort the weeping with Your lovingkindness, console the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, and help us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (spoken together)

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.

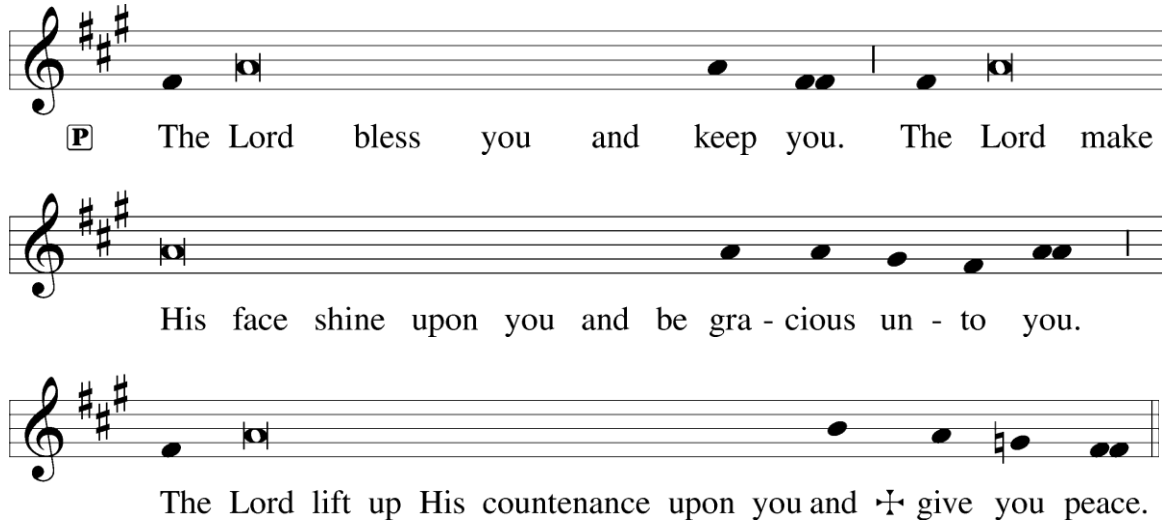
Concluding Collect

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Closing Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit

When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the

have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 08/17** **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Pastor Terry Nelson, presiding
- **Divine Service without Holy Communion** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tues. 8/19** **MANDATORY Church Council & Boards Meeting 7:00 pm**
- Wed. 8/20** **Quilting Bee** 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Sun. 08/24** **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
Quilt Sunday
Pastor TBD, presiding
- **Divine Service without Holy Communion** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Blessing of the Quilts**
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY – Everyone is welcome to join Pastor in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study right after this morning's Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.). He would love to have you join him!

Blessing of The Quilts will be held on August 24th. Please plan on attending to see how beautiful they have turned out.

Please note: All members of the Church Council, and Boards Are Required to attend the meeting on August 19th at 7:00 pm.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Closing Service Announcement

Dear Beloved of the Lord, St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold its final worship service on **Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 2:00 PM**. This closing service will mark the end of this chapter of our congregation's journey as we gather one last time to give thanks for the countless blessings, memories, and ministries shared within these sacred walls. Our new chapter begins on September 7th, 2025 as part of Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, Michigan.

The Reverend President David Davis will preside over this special service as we reflect on our legacy and look forward to God's continued goodness and faithfulness. All are warmly invited to join us—members, former members, friends, and neighbors—to worship together and celebrate the impact St. Mark's has had on our lives and community.

Please come and share in this meaningful moment of closure and fellowship. In Christ's love,
The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, and participate in their Community Rewards Program and currently contributing your dollars to St. Marks, please go into your Kroger account and make the change to either Christ Lutheran Church and School in Milford or another preferred Congregation. Please do this soon. It's simple to do, go into the Community Rewards page on at the Kroger website, enter into the search engine at the top of the page "Christ Lutheran Church" and it will provide you with ability to make the selection.

QUILTING BEE is currently meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 am if anyone is interested please just show up.

MOST MINISTRIES IS LOOKING FOR A PART- TIME COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST. This person will work collaboratively to design and deliver messages effectively to convey MOST Ministries to external audiences through social media, newsletters, website and written communications. Visit our website at mostministries.org to see the full job description. Submit resume and cover letter to Kelly Bone at kbone@mostministries.org.

Upcoming Events at Christ Lutheran Church – Milford

On September 7th following the 11:00 am Service,

Rally Day Potluck for members of Christ Lutheran (including those formally of St. Mark's)

**at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford
620 General Motors Rd. Milford, MI 48381**

Meat will be provided by the joint Parish fellowship and Christian Education committees. They are asking for others to provide 1 (or more if you like) of the following:

side dishes, salad or desserts for this event.

If you are so inclined, you can sign up by going to our website and on the front page click on the link that is posted. Or type it in your search bar as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACAB2EA1FCC07-57813903-rally#/>

Upcoming Events at Christ Lutheran Church – Milford con't.

Calendar:

August:

Sunday's :17, 24, 31 Worship 9:30 am; Zoom Bible Study 7:30 pm

Monday's: Worship Services: 18 (with Holy Communion), 25 (non-Communion) 7: 00 pm

September:

Sunday's Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am; Zoom Bible Study 7:30 pm

Monday's: Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm (Except Labor Day); no Monday Services.

04: Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm

07: Rally Day After 11:00 am Service

08: Council Meeting 7:00 pm

09: LWML 12:00 pm

10: Congregational Staff Meeting 7:00 pm

13: Men's Picnic 12:00 pm

15: Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm

17: St. Paul's Dinner 5:00 pm; Congregational Staff Meeting 7:00 pm

18: Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 pm

20: Prayer Canvass 10:00 am

26: Friday Fry-up 5:30 pm

Also, please note that the week of 8-12 There is Meals on Wheels Week.



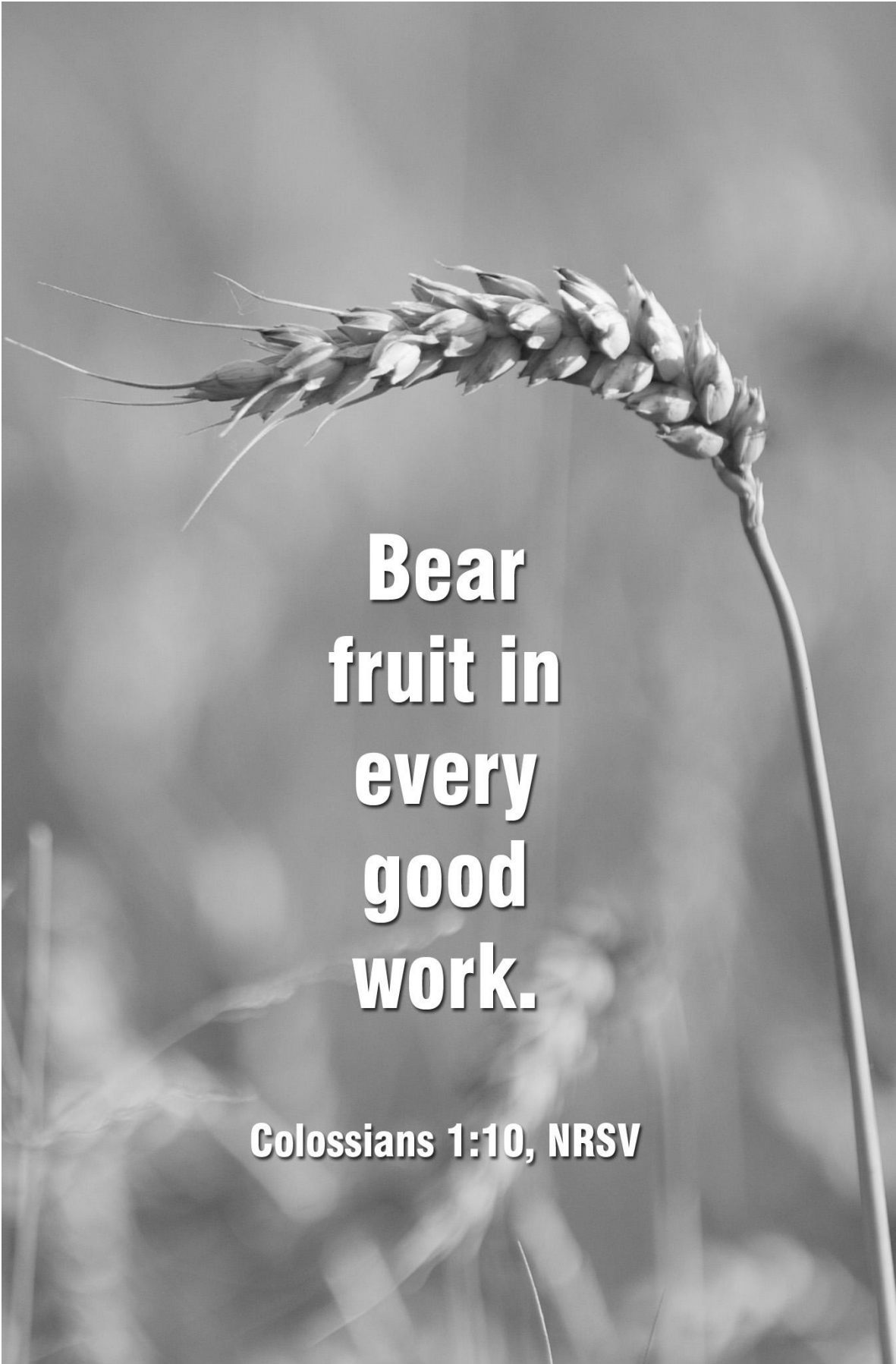
SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson
Altar Guild	Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Nancy Salo
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson
Altar Guild	Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	Nancy Salo
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon



**Bear
fruit in
every
good
work.**

Colossians 1:10, NRSV