THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus
The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: Praying

We do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that
very Spirit
intercedes ....

Romans 8:26

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OPENING HYMN

226 - To Your Temple I Draw Near

1 To your temple I draw near;
2 I through Christ am reconciled;
3 While your glorious praise is sung,
4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
5 While I listen to your law,

Here are sacrament and Word;
Abba, Father, give me grace
That my joyful soul may bless
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads;
Till your gospel brings to me

Here believers meet their Lord.
In your courts to seek your face.
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
Life and immortality.
Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

※ The Word ※
FIRST LESSON

Joel 3:12-16

*The prophet pictures the judgment; a time of terror for the wicked, but a time of refuge for God’s people.*

JOEL 3:12 “Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow – so great is their wickedness!”

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM 18

*Spoken responsively.*

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,
and your right hand sustains me.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26,27

*We wait for our future glory with patience and in prayer.*
In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Jesus teaches about the final judgment in the parable of the weeds.

MATTHEW 13:24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

29 “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

30 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 31 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:

HYMN OF THE DAY

413 – When in the Hour of Utmost Need
The Best Prayers are When You Don’t Know What to Say

1. Because the Spirit comes to our aid
2. Because the Spirit knows what to say
And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit...

ROMANS 8:27, NRSV
CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 worshiped 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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Prayers
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us.

Brief silence

Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son’s body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for ____________ and those named in our hearts. Good Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we remember the saints who lived by Your mercy and died in Christ. We long for that day when all divisions will end and the Church in heaven and earth shall be one in Your presence, singing Your praise in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear “Your will be done”; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

ableObject Text
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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

541 - Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
2 O God, how sin’s dread works abound!
3 In these last days of sore distress
4 Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;

For round us falls the even-tide,
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Sending

PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BLESSING

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 on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
CLOSING HYMN

411 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and
   griefs to bear!
2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble
   anywhere? We should never be discouraged— load of care?
3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a
   precious Savior, still our refuge—

Every thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, for—

forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All be
faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his

cause we do not carry Ev’ry thing to God in prayer!
knows our ev’ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he’ll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.
Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

After worship, please feel free to greet your neighbors OUTSIDE, keeping in mind the social distancing recommendations of six feet spacing.