



Sunday

REVELATION:
Preparing for the End

Pentecost 9 - Sunday, August 7, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THEME

*PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are in the holders in each pew. Pass completed cards to the acolyte in the center aisle during the offering. Please sign the **WELCOME BOOK** located in its holder by the center aisle in each pew. Pass it down your row so all can sign, then return it to the center. We encourage you to see who the others are in your row and greet each other after worship.*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477, vv. 1-2

INVOCATION [We “invoke” the God in whose name we are baptized to be with us; Matt. 28:19]

(Feel free to cross yourself in remembrance of your baptism.)

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

C Amen.

(sit)

CONFESSION [Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.]

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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

KYRIE [Translated, “Lord, have mercy” - a plea for mercy (Luke 18:35-43)] (Tune: “Amazing Grace”)

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King.
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; accept the prayers we bring.**

ABSOLUTION [We rejoice in God’s declaration of forgiveness]

P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as your pastor, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
 alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
 alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
 Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
C it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
P it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
C I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

FIRST READING

Revelation 2:9-11, 7:1-17

⁹“I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. ...

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ²Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” ⁴Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

⁵From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

⁶from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

⁷from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

⁸from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

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⁹After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tent over them. ¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen Me and still you do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(sit)

NICENE CREED

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.

SERMON HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

THWC 382

SERMON

*REVELATION: Preparing for the End*OFFERING *(See page 7 for offering information.)**(stand)*

PRAYERS

*When the pastor says, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,”
the congregation responds, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

THE LORD'S PRAYER [Matt. 6:9-13]

(Tune: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed", LSB 437)

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, most holy be Your name;
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, in heav'n the same.

Give us this day the food we need, forgiven may we be;
into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours the pow'r, and Yours the majesty;
so shall it be from this glad hour; and to eternity.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Tune: "Lamb of God", LSB 550)

P *(sung)* The night Lord Jesus was betrayed,
He took the bread, and when He'd prayed,
He broke and gave them of the bread, and unto His disciples said,
(spoken) "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me."

C *(sung)* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God! He is the holy Lamb of God!
Who on the cross did shed His blood,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

P *(sung)* Then when the sacred meal was o'er,
our blessed Savior spoke once more.
He offered thanks, and lifted up to give to all the sacred cup:
(spoken) "Drink of it, all of you; This is My blood of the new testament,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

C *(sung)* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God!
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God!
Your gift of peace now give to us,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(sit)

DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (See page 8 for communion information.)

LSB 748 “I’m But a Stranger Here”

LSB 468 “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

(stand)

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Nearer My God to Thee”

THWC 393

We enter to worship; we exit to witness!!

Regarding Thank Offerings

To our Guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

To our Members – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

Offerings can be given in the following ways:

- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on “Give”.
- Download the QR code to give from your device.



Regarding Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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