

## **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 25, 2021**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Walt Dibbern, Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns- Peace Blue 3 Insert 919  
English Grey 12 & 233 577

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

**TODAY 11:15 a.m. Voters Meeting at Peace**

July 25 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

July 25 9:00 a.m. Bible Studies

July 25 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

July 27 NO 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

July 20 NO 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

July 21 NO Noon Bible Study

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** In our epistle reading, St. Paul teaches us to pray for knowledge of the Father's love. God's love is the soil in which our faith is grounded. It is the nourishment which causes our faith to flourish. It is the goal of our faith, eternal life in the love of God. Our hymn of the day, *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*, helps us to know and experience the Father's love by reminding us of the cost of our salvation. Out of love, the Father gave his only Son to make sinners his treasure. It was love that bound the Son to the cross, tighter than any nail ever could, even as sinners mocked God's love. Why should we gain from Christ's reward? We can give no answer, no answer but one, love. God's love, the Father's love, vast beyond all measure, has come to us in Christ. Amen.

**A WORD:** Our Old Testament reading recounts the covenant that God made with Noah following the flood. God promised to never destroy the world with a flood. He made the rainbow the sign of the covenant, the reminder of what he had promised. Through this reading, we learn about our own salvation. Just as the obedience of

one man, Noah, resulted in a covenant that blessed all living things, so the obedience of one man, Jesus, resulted in a new covenant that promises salvation to all who put their faith in Christ. The Gospel reading is Jesus walking on the water. Though the disciples are afraid when they see the figure on the water, thinking that Jesus is a ghost, Jesus reassures them by revealing his true identity. He says, "Take heart; it is I." Jesus is the great "I AM" come to save his people.

In the epistle reading, Paul teaches us to pray for the knowledge of God's love, the length and breadth and height and depth of his great love for us in Christ. We need to know and experience God's love because it is the soil and nourishment and goal of our faith. To know God is to know God's love poured out for us in Jesus.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** A figure walking on the waters during a difficult night at sea is a terrifying sight for the disciples. But Jesus reveals Himself, telling the disciples not to be afraid. Jesus gives them insight into His divine nature. He treads upon the waves, commands all of creation, and intends to pass by (see Job 9:1-12). This Jesus, who gets in the boat, is God in the flesh. This Jesus is also our Savior, who has complete control of our eternal lives, won on the cross.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Exodus 16:2-15 Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:22-35

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST:** July 25-Viola McKenney, Aug. 1-Wilma Miller, Aug. 8-Karen Olson, Aug. 15-Barb Phelps, Aug. 22-Ashlie Slotter, Aug. 29-Pamela Young

**DAUGHTERS OF PEACE:** Daughters will meet on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Ranch in Rock Rapids for lunch, fellowship and a short meeting.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect pop tarts, granola bars, fruit or snack bars etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN: SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER**

*Blue Hymnal 3; Grey Hymnal 12*

**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.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**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.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5*

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
**and bless your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**and his greatness is unsearchable.**

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
**and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
**and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**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.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 9:8–17*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 3:14–21*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Alleluia. Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

*Mark 6:50c*

## HOLY GOSPEL

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*Mark 6:45–56*

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN: HOW GREAT THE FATHER'S LOVE**

*Dennis Reuvers*

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN 919: ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS

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