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NINTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Saturday, July 24, 2021, 6:00 pm and Sunday, July 25, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

As We Gather

The hymn insists, "God Himself is present" and "God is in His temple" (LSB 907). This hymn reminds us of the prophet Isaiah's amazing vision of God in the temple when he heard the eternal song of the angels, "Holy, holy, holy," causing the prophet to cringe, bow, and kneel at the awesome and fearful presence of God. Today, we bring ourselves with our own fears and hear how Jesus' disciples witnessed their Lord's real presence amid their strains and pains in a boat struggling against the wind. So today for you God is present with healing, forgiveness, and life not in the imagination but in the objective truth of His inspired Word, by your Baptism, and in the taste and touch of His body and blood given and shed for you. You cannot get any more real than that. "Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him."

PREPARATION

Opening Hymn God Himself Is Present LSB #907

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.
- O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
- P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and in His stead 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.
- Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v. 5

- P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
- and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- P I will extol you, my God and King,
- and bless your name forever and ever.
- P Every day I will bless you
- and praise your name forever and ever.
- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- and his greatness is unsearchable.
- P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
- and I will declare your greatness.
- P 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.

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8–17 (ESV)

The covenant of the rainbow

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature

that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 3:14–21 (ESV)

(Prayer for spiritual strength)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Mark 6:45–56

Jesus walks on water

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And

they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn	Come, My Soul, with Every Care	LSB #779
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Sermon Calm Mark 6:45-56

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord.
- **G** Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life.
- Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day.
- **G** Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments.
- P Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world.
- Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace.
- Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially . . .]. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise LSB #917

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