

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST...**  
**Followers of Christ listen when God speaks.**



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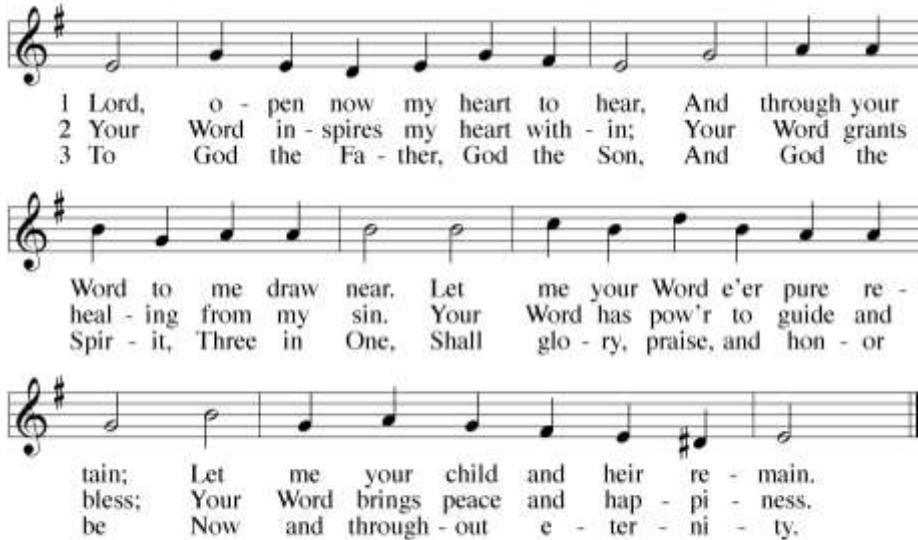
## Common Service with Communion

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### OPENING HYMN

282 – Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the  
Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or  
tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg 1543, alt.

### INVOCATION

#### Minister

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



#### Congregation

A - - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.

### LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

### ABSOLUTION

**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: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note 'A', followed by a dotted quarter note, and then a half note. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder. (221:3,4)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**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: A - - men.



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Genesis 18:1-14

While the world laughs with Sarah at the seemingly impossible promises of God, we, like Abraham, hear the Word of the Lord and believe it.

GENESIS 18:1 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.  
<sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.  
<sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

<sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son.”

GENESIS 18:1-14



*in due  
season*

# PSALM

# Psalm 119a

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*Pastor will sing the first half of each verse. The congregation is asked to sing the second half of the verses, the refrain, and the Gloria.*



Blessed are they whose ways are | blameless,\*  
who walk according to the law | of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his | statutes\*  
and seek him with | all their heart.

You have laid down | precepts\*  
that are to be full | y obeyed.

## *Refrain*

Oh, that my ways were | steadfast\*  
in obeying | your decrees!

Then I would not be | put to shame\*  
when I consider all | your commands.

I will praise you with an | upright heart\*  
as I learn your | righteous laws.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON Colossians 1:21-29

Paul became a servant of the Church to present the Word of God in its fullness. That Word opens up the great mystery of God's reconciliation – a Word we listen to and believe.

COLOSSIANS 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-- <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>28</sup> We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

In the midst of our busy lives, God urges us to be like Mary and find the One Thing Needful, that is, to listen to the Word.

LUKE 10:38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.<sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,<sup>42</sup> but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

290 - One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly  
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal  
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,  
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,  
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard, Be - neath it the  
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined, How kin - dled her  
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing  
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the  
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is  
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -  
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count  
 cerns she got for her Lord And found  
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.  
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.  
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

## SERMON

Luke 10:38-42

**There's Good... and then There's Better**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



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 your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need.

*Brief silence*

Heavenly Father, as You have gathered us to Your Son's feet that we might hear His Word, keep us from being anxious and troubled about the many things of the world, that with quieted hearts we might receive this one necessary thing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You have given us varied places to serve Your many purposes in this world, help us to treasure our every vocation as a high calling, since it is a gift to us from Your hand and serves Your will. Keep us faithful in them, that glory may come to Your name and good to our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You allow us to participate in the sufferings of Your Son, comfort us in the truth that He has endured them all before us and now bears us in the midst of them. According to Your will, help, heal, comfort and restore the sick amongst us [*especially Your servants \_\_\_\_\_*]. Give skill and compassion to those who serve them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, but one thing is necessary, and out of great mercy You set that good portion before us in the Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Help us to treasure this precious gift above all earthly things, and grant that it may never be taken away from us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.



**M** Lift up your hearts.



**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)**

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

### **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

283 - Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 You give peace and words of par - don.  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

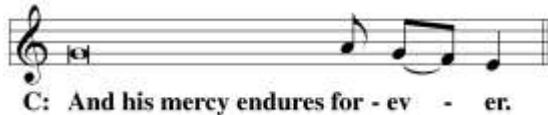
## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

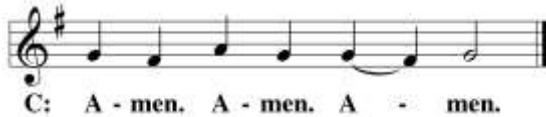
### PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

293 - God's Word is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
 Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*



*Martha, Martha,  
only one thing  
is needed..*

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