Offering Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with You ELW #818

Offertory Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The 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

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW #764

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, August 10th, 2025; 9:30 am 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness ELW #765

Apostolic Greeting

Call to Worship

P: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

(Psalm 33:12-22)

C: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

P: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--

C: he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

P: A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C: The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

P: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C: to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

C: Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

P: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Prayer of the Day:

God of judgment and grace, you ask not for sacrifices but lives of trusting faith that acknowledge your power and mercy. Give us faith as deep and strong as Abraham's and Sarah's, that we may follow you through all our days as did Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven

and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ Be Our Light ELW #715 Vs 2

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

(Response after the announcement: Glory to you O Lord.)

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Response after the reading: **Praise to you O Christ.**)

Children's Message

Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon

Steve Ring

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Hymn of the Day:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW #338

Prayers of Intercession

Offering