**Order of the Holy Communion – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING HYMN 902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine, And let Your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days.  
Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O holy, holy Lord Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place We then shall see You face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

**Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son 🕆 and of the Holy Spirit.**

*The Congregation Shall Chant:*

**A - - - men.**

***Then shall be said***

The Confession of Sins

***V:*** **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.**

***V:* Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

***R.* Who made heaven and earth. *(Chanted)***

***V:* I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.**

***R:* And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *(Chanted)***

***Then the Pastor and the Congregation shall say:***

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

***Then, the Pastor shall pronounce the Absolution:***

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.

***The Congregation Shall Chant:***

**A - - - men.**

1

**The Gloria Patri**

***Chanted by the Pastor and the Congregation***

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie

***Chanted by the Pastor and the Congregation***

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***Then shall be chanted***

The Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory be to God on high: And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Your great glory.**

**O Lord God, Heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost art most high in the glory of God, the Father. A-men.**

***V:* The Lord be with you.**

***R.* And with your spirit. *(Chanted)***

***V:* Let us pray.**

***The Pastor shall say***

The Collect for the Day

***The Lessons for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

**The First Lesson – Genesis 15:1-6**

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” 4And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” 5And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**Pastor:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Congr: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle – Hebrews 11:1-16**

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**Pastor:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Congr: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregation stands for the Gospel – “Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.”**

**The Gospel – Luke 12:22-34**

**Congr: *"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"***

22[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**Congr: *"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"***

**Pastor: We confess our holy Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.**

**The 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 736 Consider How the Birds Above**

1 Consider how the birds above  
    Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
    Are we not worth much more than these?

2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;  
    How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
    Will He not clothe both you and me?

3 Set not your heart on food or drink,  
    Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
    Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

4 Be on your guard against all greed,  
    For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev’ry need  
    Before our needs to us are known.

5 Be not afraid to suffer loss  
    Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross  
    Will give you strength to live each day.

6 Seek first God’s reign, His boundless grace,  
    His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev’ry place;  
    All else will then be given you.

Text: © 1998 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000888

**SERMON: *“Kneeling Weak, Rising in Power”* Ephesians 3:14-20**

***The Sermon ended, the congregation shall rise and the Pastor shall say:***

**Pastor: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

The Offertory

***The Congregation chants:***

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

**Offertory *Please use this time to fill out the information in the attendance book and pass it along to those in your pew.***

**The General Prayer**

**The Preface**

***V:* The Lord be with you.**

***R.* And with your spirit. *(Chanted)***

***V:* Lift up your hearts.**

***R:* We lift them up unto the Lord. *(Chanted)***

***V:* Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.**

***R.* It is meet and right so to do. *(Chanted)***

*Pastor:* It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God - - Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

***The Congregation Chants:***

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come; Your 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.**

**The Words of Institution**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Pax Domini

**Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!**

***The Congregation Shall Chant:***

**A - - - men.**

***The Congregation Shall Chant:***

The Agnus Dei

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

The Distribution

**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful**

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!    O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,    In whom all joys are found:

2 When once You visit darkened hearts,    Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,    Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, light of all below,    The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,    All that we can desire:

4 May ev’ry heart confess Your name,    Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame    To seek You more and more!

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,    May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express    The image of Your own!

**COMMUNION HYMN 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram’s promised great reward,  
Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold—  
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.

5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

**COMMUNION HYMN 712 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

3 Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

Text: © 1972 Maranatha! Music, admin. EMI. Used by permission: ccli no. 2692037

**COMMUNION HYMN 634 The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord**

1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart’s sweet joy and happiness.

2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.

3 That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.

4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins: “Given and shed for all your sins.”

6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

***The Distribution Completed, the Congregation Shall Rise and Chant:***

The Nunc Dimittis

**Lord, now lettest Thou Your servant depart in peace according to Your word, For mine eyes have seen Your Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving

**Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.**

***The Congregation Shall Chant:***

**A - - - men.**

***V:* The Lord be with you.**

***R.* And with your spirit. *(Chanted)***

***V:* Bless we the Lord.**

***R:* Thanks be to God. *(Chanted)***

The Benediction

**Pastor: 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.**

***The Congregation Shall Chant:***

**A - - - men, A - - - men, A - - - men.**

**CLOSING HYMN 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
    Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
    Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
    Feed me till I want no more;  
    Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
    Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
    Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
    Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
    Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
    Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
    Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
    I will ever give to Thee;  
    I will ever give to Thee.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**