# August 2, 2020 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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*Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.* 





Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray..... CW # 472

## Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord **†** Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

## C: And also, with you.

L: We pray, O Lord, teach us your ways,

## C: That we may walk in your truth.

L: You comfort and help us day by day.

## C: We trust your loving care.

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

## C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

- L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

## C: AMEN

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

## C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

## C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

## C: The heights of the hills are also his,

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

## C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

### Prayer of the Day

L: Lord God, our mighty Rock of salvation, give us such strength of faith that we may cling to you in every trouble and, armed with your strong Word, be preserved from every assault of Satan and his forces of evil. In Jesus' name,

C: Amen. (seated)

## First Lesson:

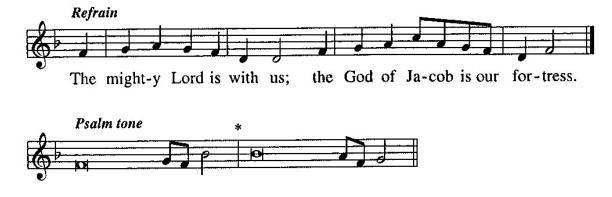
### Joel 3:12-16

L: <sup>12</sup> 'Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. <sup>13</sup> Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow— so great is their wickedness!

<sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup> The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. <sup>16</sup> The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. (The Word of our God)

Psalm 18

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The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;\* my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;\* he rescued me from my powerful énemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;\* he rescued me because he delighted in me.

#### Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;\* my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble\* but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,\* and your right hand sustains me.

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.

Refrain

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:

#### Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. (The word of the Lord)



Hymn: We Have a Sure Prophetic Word..... CW # 291

## Gospel: (rise)

### Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

L: <sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> "The owner's servants came to him and said,

## C: 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

L: <sup>28</sup>"'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him,

## C: 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

L: <sup>29</sup> "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn...

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said,

## C: "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

L: <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

## C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (seated)

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide.....CW # 541 Stz 1–4



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Sermon:

## He Intercedes For Us

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Apostles' Creed: (Rise) (together we confess)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

**Prayer:** 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; this we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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;

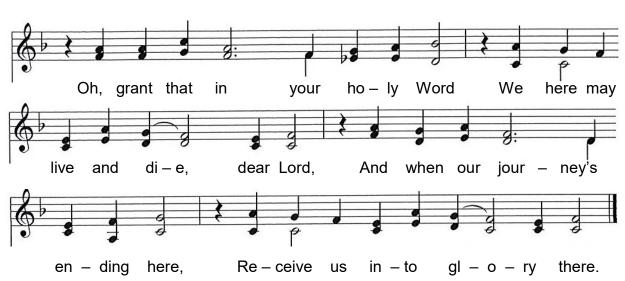
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

L: 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: Amen

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