

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Treasures of God

July 26, 2026

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN OH, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS (Tune Ebenezer)

- 1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love—
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.
- 2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.
- 3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Love of ev'ry love the best—
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.

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INVOCATION

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

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36*

Pastor Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Pastor The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

People **Know therefore that the LORD is God.**

Pastor For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 8:31-32*

Pastor You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

People **We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.**

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor Almighty God,

People **we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

People **“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”**

Pastor Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

People **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Pastor Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People **tell of all his wondrous works!**

Pastor Glory in his holy name;

People **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Pastor Seek the LORD and his strength;

People **seek his presence continually!**

Pastor Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

Pastor O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

People **children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

ALL **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.**

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

People **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

KYRIE *LSB 204*

C Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA HYMN 821 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS *sts. 1-3*

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Loving God, You mercifully call Your people to be Your treasured possession and defeat our mortal enemies of sin, death, and darkness. Supply our hearts with faith and secure us in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 7:6-9* (In love, the Lord reaffirms His faithfulness and His people's worth.)

⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the

fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:28-39* (Paul gives words to the inexpressibly lavish love of God in Christ Jesus.)

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44-52* (Jesus’ parables of the kingdom point to the value of the treasures He came to save.)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and

buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE BOX

HYMN OF THE DAY 708 LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

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SERMON Romans 8:28-39 We Are More Than Conquerors.

CREED 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Mighty Lord, we need Your constant defense in a world of death, danger, and distraction. Guard us in both body and soul, that Your people might live to the praise of our victorious Savior, Jesus. Through the love of Christ, we pray:
- People** Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor** Generous Lord, all good things are gifts from Your holy hand. Undo our attitudes of selfishness and renew within us a spirit of generosity, freely giving of our treasures to the needy in our midst. Through the love of Christ, we pray:
- People** Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor** Seeking and saving Lord, You tirelessly pursue the children of earth with Your goodness and mercy. Soften hearts hardened to Your Gospel and activate Your people to witness to Your goodness. Through the love of Christ, we pray:
- People** Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor** Faithful Lord, despite our sin, You keep covenant and steadfast love. Rescue families where loyalties have been betrayed and trust broken. Mend hurting hearts with forgiveness and restore them by Your grace. Through the love of Christ, we pray:
- People** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor All-seeing Lord, You set Your heart on the least and fewest. Set Your heart once again on the lonely, the dying, the poor, and the sick, [*especially . . .*]. Bring good amid their challenges and remind us that no problem is too big for Your power and no one is too small to escape Your notice. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father's will, in the Son's grace, and by the Spirit's power.

People Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 784 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE *sts. 1, 6*

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

DISMISSAL PRAYER

Pastor Loving Father, We thank You for this time of worship and reflection. As we prepare to leave this space, we ask for Your peace to fill our hearts. May the hope of Christ dwell within us, encouraging us in times of trial and inspiring us to spread joy wherever we go. Help us to be bearers of Your love in a world that often feels heavy with burdens. Let our lives be a testament to Your faithfulness and grace. As we depart, may we carry Your light into the darkness, shining brightly for all to see.

We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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AS WE DEPART

Jesus famously teaches, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

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