

# **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Processional Hymn** (Blue #309)      “*O Food to Pilgrims  
Given*”

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**      *Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

*The Celebrant may say:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Lesson** (2 Samuel 11:1-15)

Kevin Sangster

*A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house,

that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront

of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 14**        (*read responsively by verse*)

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” \* All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \* to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \* there is none who does good; no, not one.

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, \* because God is in the company of the righteous.

**6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \* but the Lord is their refuge.**

7 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! \* when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## **Second Lesson** (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Kaydiann Sangster

*A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn** (Blue #472)

*“Hope of the World”*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **The Gospel**

John 6:1-21

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up

the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Fr. Henry Chan

**The Nicene Creed**

*(Please stand: celebrant and people say)*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.*

**Prayers of the People (IV)**

Sheila Williams

*Let us pray for the Church and the world:*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Remembering especially Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Chip Stokes, our Bishop; Father Henry Chan, our Supply Priest; and Lou Durham, our Music Minister; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Remembering especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We ask for your Grace upon Good Shepherd Mission, that you will supply our material needs, and guidance for our church.

Upon all those in our military, especially Collin McCafferty, Nickolette McCafferty, Ted Chavis, Jimmy Sheridan, John Groenveld, Reed Mikkelson, Kevin Mattocks, Walter Wells, Sean Merritt, Nicholas DeMaria, Jonathan DeMaria, Dalton Anders, Kirk O'Connell, Nicholas Cadet, Matthew Torre, Joseph Hodges, Aiden Borden, Keith Taylor, John Kirkbride, Felix Perez, Izak Montoya, Ruben Costelano-Gomez, Dave Niglio, Sara Ropski, and Leo Magee.

--Pray for the Diocese of Durham (England).

We give thanks to you for the continued growth of the Good Shepherd Family. And for the privilege of being part of the more than 100 years this church has faithfully served our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**For the birthday of:** Donald Cuff III.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Comfort and heal all those on our prayer list: Laura Peckham and Family, Melvin Aria, Joseph Schaeffer, Josephine Zagone, Donnie Morrison, Jeanette Hoffman, Liam Schieber, Dave and Family, Andy Listman, Laura Carmichael, Christina Camuccio, Jay Benegal, Phyliss Wright, Joan Linck, Michael

McCafferty, Jr., Mary Jordan, Susie Hinson, Jim Nicole, Michael Kearny, Jazmin Mulero, Bob and Patti Griffith, Norman Rogers, Fran Clark, Joey Majarowitz, George Makin, Angelina Luciano, Jim Haverstick, Sally Stockman, Kim McCafferty, John, Russell Hand, John Collier, Jason Rosado, Bob Nottle, Lance Nottle, Mackenzie; for the nations of Haiti, Israel, Palestine and Lebanon during this time of upheaval; for all teachers, students, and administrators back in school; for the over 34.5 million Americans and the 188.9 million people worldwide who have COVID-19, and all the people working on the front lines during this pandemic.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Keith Peckham, James La Freda, Phyllis Di Sipio, Lillian De Bease, Patricia Biederman, and the over 4.1 million people worldwide from the Coronavirus, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

*(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)*

*Celebrant:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**Confession of Sin**     *(celebrant and people)*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

If you do not wish to participate in the traditional Peace, please  
remain seated in your pews and acknowledge those around you.

### **Announcements**



Please welcome Fr. Henry Chan.





#### **Fundraisers:**


- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** (ongoing) & **TD Bank Gift Card Raffle** (drawing on Sunday, December 12 here at the church). Tickets are \$5 each.

- **Designer Bag Bingo tickets** are now available for sale at \$35 each. The event will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Berlin VFW Hall.

Contact either Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, Darlene Watson (856-206-2541) or Lillian Knott (856-905-8685), for tickets. Proceeds from the fundraisers benefit our church.

 **Change for Change** – please donate your loose change to help support our Outreach Ministry.

 **School Backpack/School Supplies Drive** – benefit Berlin-area students for the upcoming school year. Please see Pat Schaffer or Al King if you are interested in donating items. You may donate money to purchase the items via our website or by dropping it in the Change for Change container.

 **Sunday School and Confirmation Class** will resume on Sunday, September 12 at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on our website.

 **Save the Date** – Founder’s Day/117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church, Saturday, September 18, 2021. It’s a free event.

**Offertory Hymn** (Black #146)

*“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*

If you have not already done so, you may at this time place your envelope/offering in the offering plate at the back of the church.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving (A)

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you

*People*        **And also with you**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

**People**                **We lift them to the Lord**  
**Celebrant**        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**People**                **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.

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,  
    for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Breaking of The Bread**

*Celebrant*      Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*          *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The bread is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

**Communion Hymn 1** (Black #137)

*“Just As I Am”*

**Communion Hymn 2** (White #120)

*“Here I Am”*



## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people:*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

**Recessional Hymn** (White #117)      *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to the worship leaders for their contribution to today's service. Thank you also to all our parishioners, both in person and online, for worshipping with us today.

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