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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Matins



Heavenly Father, You have fearfully and wonderfully made each of us in Your image. From one man You have made every nation of men under heaven that they should fill the earth and subdue it. Because of Adam's fall into sin, and because of my own willful sin, I and the rest of humanity are without excuse Coram Deo. We are by nature objects of wrath, but because of Your great love in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled to You. In Your mercy allow me to grab hold of Your grace by faith and thus escape the judgment to be revealed on the last day. In the Name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast – Johann Gottfried Walther

Hymn of Invocation

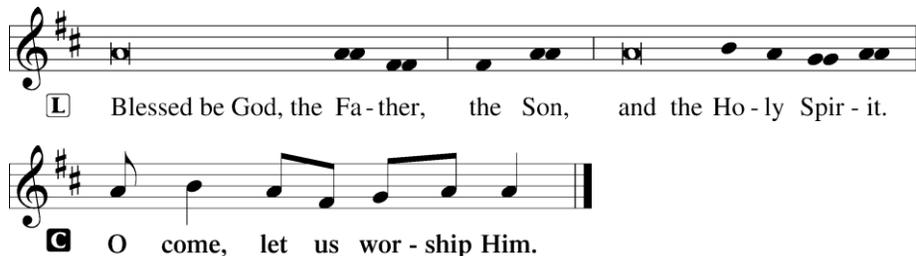
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STAND

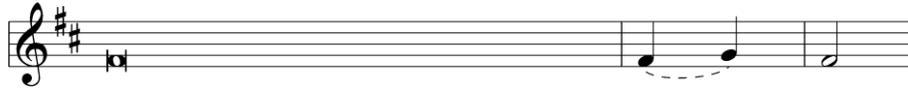


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



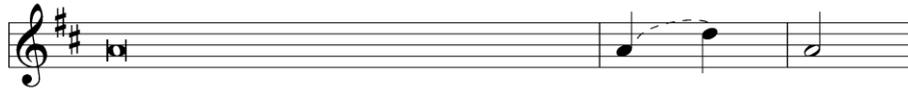
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

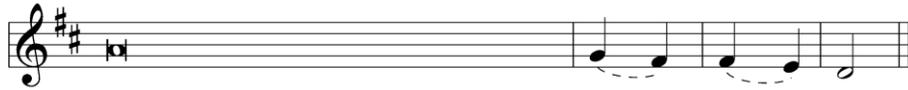


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 136:1-9

- P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- P Give thanks to the God of gods,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P to him who alone does great wonders,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P to him who by understanding made the heavens,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P to him who made the great lights,
- C for his steadfast love endures forever;**

P the sun to rule over the day,

C for his steadfast love endures forever;

P the moon and stars to rule over the night,

C for his steadfast love endures forever;

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

SIT

Office Hymn

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

First Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

STAND

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory



- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sermon

"The Deluge and the Promise" (Genesis 9:8-17)

STAND

Canticle

Te Deum



- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
- 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

SIT

Offering

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast – David M. Cherwien

(After the offering please pass your attendance card toward the center aisle to be collected by an usher.)

STAND

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Various Collects

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing – John Leavitt

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Jim and Diane Olson for blessings received.

Participants

Preacher
Liturgist
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Pastor Aaron Reseburg
Richard C. Ewert
Jonathan Ward
Steve Hipenbecker
Grace Dennis, William Dennis, Matt Diven, Ben Thompson, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner, Maddie Wilinski, Jeff Wilinski, Luke Wilinski

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	8:00 a.m. Worship (Matins) 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class - Romans 10:00 a.m. Worship – (DS3) 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
M	5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (CLC) 7:00 p.m. Ganswindt Barbershop Rental (FH)
T	10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Class 6:30 p.m. Ganswindt Barbershop Rental (FH) 7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting (Rm. 228)
W	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
TH	9:00 a.m. Library Committee (FL) 6:30 p.m. Worship (DS3)
Fri	Offices Closed
Sat	11:00 a.m. Ganswindt Rental (BAAC) 12:00 p.m. BGR (MC)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
The offices are open Mondays-
Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Key:
CLC – Christian Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activity Center
MC – Music Center
FL – Friendship Library

SERVICE SCHEDULE
Thursday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. (DS3), “What Sort of Eating Is Jesus Talking About?” (John 6:22-35) – Pastor Skovgaard, Preacher
Sunday, August 1, 8:00 a.m. (DS3) & 10:00 a.m. (Matins) “Eating for a Higher Purpose” (John 6:22-35) – Rev. Tyler McMiller, Preacher

IN THE LORD’S HOUSE: 214 attended services last Thursday and Sunday in person. **87** households streamed the service for a total of **301**. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE is actively welcoming new members. The choir rehearses on Tuesday nights at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church and performs several concerts a year. The choir has a rich history and is an opportunity for a great musical experience and a social outlet. For more information visit <https://www.lutheranacappella.org> or contact Tom Ajack at Tomajackmusic@gmail.com

SON OF THE CONGREGATION: Recently ordained Rev. Tyler McMiller will be our guest preacher and presenter on Sunday, August 1. Come, hear this son of EGL talk about his upcoming missionary work in Italy and southeastern Europe.

CHURCH IN THE GLEN: Save the date on your calendars! Our annual outdoor service and potluck picnic will be on Sunday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m. This time slot would normally be our weekly Communion service; however, on the 22nd the Divine Service will be held at 8:00.

INDOOR SOCCER: Here's your chance to get the "zoomies" out as we celebrate the 'beautiful game' by playing another game of soccer. Join us at the Midwest Orthopedic Sports Complex [formerly known as Brookfield Indoor Soccer] on Lisbon Road in Brookfield at 8:00 p.m on Wednesday, July 28. Let's see what we're all made of after a year of Covid!

EDUCATION & EDIFICATION: This week listen to an Issues Etc podcast on one of the following topics: dealing with Envy, Lutheran Composer Johann Sebastian Bach, 16th Century Lutheran martyr Robert Barnes, Old Testament Prophet Isaiah, and more. Grow in your appreciation for how theology (what we believe) affects every aspect of our lives. (www.issuesetc.org)

ST JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE: Supporters of physician-assisted suicide might label the martyrdom of St. James as undignified. He did not choose the timing of his death. He had no control over the manner of his passing. But history and heaven celebrate both his life and his last breath. He met his demise with courage and purpose that allowed him to go gracefully with a Savior whose presence and promises to dignify and sanctify even lives death attempts to humiliate. (Lutherans for Life)

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: For the August 18 meeting, please read BEFORE AND AFTER: THE INCREDIBLE REAL LIFE STORIES OF ORPHANS WHO SURVIVED THE TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY by Judy Christi. We meet in the Bartelt Center at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. Call Anne with questions, 262-691-9642.

THANK YOU: I am profoundly grateful to the Elm Grove Lutheran family for the wonderful recent celebration of the 50th Anniversary celebration of my ordination as a pastor. With St. Paul, I am all too aware of my unworthiness for this office: "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (1 Timothy 1:12) Thanks to Rick Ewert and the musicians who masterfully led the praises of our Triune God, to Pastor Fleming of DOXOLOGY for his edifying sermon, to those who made the arrangements for the delicious meal afterward, and to all who provided words of encouragements or gifts of appreciation. All cash gifts have been forwarded to DOXOLOGY to underwrite the support of pastors in coming generations. - Pastor Senkbeil

SAVE THE DATE: Jane and I intend, God willing, to observe our 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house the afternoon of our actual wedding date, on Sunday, September 5. We have made arrangements for a "street party" with tables, chairs, and tents on the driveway outside our condo at 2125 Broken Hill Rd. Unit 2, Waukesha. All of you are cordially invited to celebrate with us. Catered food and beverages will be available from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.; come and go as you like. No gifts, please. A brief service of prayer and blessing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Keep us in your prayers, and join us if you can! – H L Senkbeil

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Library. The mission project for this meeting will be writing "What Jesus Means to Me" on note cards, to be given to foreign students from International

Outreach. This is a great opportunity to share your faith in Jesus with those who may come to know Jesus their Savior through International Outreach.

EGL STAMMTISCH (a.k.a. "Guys Night Out!") EGL Guys, Welcome to June! Take a break from yardwork and come out to join us on Thursday, August 19, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for some fun and frivolity (or at least some good libation, conversation, and fellowship!) This month we return to our meeting place at Biloba Brewing on Brookfield Rd, in Brookfield, so bring some snacks to share and be ready for lively banter that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Bessert by phone or text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com. Hope to see you there...please RSVP...and bring a friend!!

SERVICES AVAILABLE on YOUTUBE: Because of the efforts of many people, the Sunday services are available on YouTube on Sunday mornings starting at 8:00 a.m. The service folders for each service are available online at www.eql.org in order for you to follow and participate.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR and remember these members of EGL who are confined to bed or to their homes. Addresses and telephone #'s are in the church directory.

Leona Dober
Zack Horrell

Carl Egloff
Ruth Huwiler

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler – Hawaii
Katherine Leaf – Middle East
Alex Ohde – USS Key West, Guam
Jacob Stolte - Okinawa
Joshua Tesch – Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina

About the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: God Keeps His Promises

+ *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* +

It was an amazing promise that God made to Noah and to all of creation: "Never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Genesis) The LORD even set the rainbow in place to remind creation of His promise. For this reason, and for many others, the Apostle Paul bows his knees in adoration of, and in thanksgiving to, the LORD. (Ephesians) The breadth and depth of God's compassion and care for His creation are far beyond human comprehension. He even sends forth ministers to prepare God's people, to build them up into the full unity and maturity of Christ Himself. So it was that Jesus cared for the throng in Galilee, including His own disciples. (John) The forces of nature are under His control, and He will do what is necessary so that the precious Good News of His coming does not fall on untrusting ears. God keeps His promises!

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Genesis 9:8-17 What was the promise ("covenant") that God made with Noah and his sons? What was/is its "sign"? Is this a one-way or a two-way covenant? In other words, are there any obligations expected on the part of Noah and his sons? What does this mean for us today?
- Monday** Ephesians 3:14-21 For what reason does the Apostle Paul "bow [his] knees before the Father"? What result(s) does Paul anticipate? Why (see v. 20)? What does this mean for us today?
- Tuesday** Mark 6:45-56 Why did Jesus send His disciples ahead of him? What can be learned from His example? Why were the disciples terrified on the sea? What was missing in their lives? By what method(s) were the people healed who lived on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee? What is the difference between them and the disciples? What does this mean for us today?
- Wednesday** Psalm 136:1-9 How is the love of the LORD God shown in His powerful creation? In His steadfast mercy to His children? In His deliverance from our enemies? In His feeding of all creation? Why therefore do we give thanks always in all circumstances to the God of heaven? How might you implement more thanksgiving in your life?
- Thursday** Exodus 16:2-15 What accusation did Israel level against the LORD? How did He demonstrate His real intent? What food does He provide His church to demonstrate His intent toward us? What does this mean?
- Friday** Ephesians 4:1-16 What is the connection between the Apostle's words in Chapter 4 and his teaching in Chapters 1-3? Who provides the unity that Christ's Church enjoys? What was necessary before gifts could be given to Christ's Church? Why? What are these gifts? What is their purpose? What do these gifts have to do with the unity of Christ's Church?
- Saturday** John 6:22-35 According to Jesus, why did the crowds follow Him to the other side of the sea? How does Jesus correct their attitude? What do the crowds demand? What does Jesus give them in answer? How is Jesus "the bread of life"? What does this mean?