# Níneteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 29, 2024

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin holds us in its grasp. We have not protected your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction and lead us to new and abundant life. Be our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Believe and trust in God. Take comfort in God's amazing grace. Know that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.** 

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

"Gather Us In" [See back of bulletin]

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

### HYMN OF PRAISE



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life so that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and, in all we do, empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## **WORD**

### A READING FROM NUMBERS

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" (Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 19:7-14 (Read responsively)

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
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Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## A READING FROM JAMES

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(James 5:13-20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (Mark 9:38-50)

The Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SERMON** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [See back of bulletin]

## THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

### A brief silence.

We pray for all God's people everywhere. Help us share the good news of Jesus and your transforming love with everyone we meet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew the oceans, seas, marshes, and estuaries. Support those who work to protect our environment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We pray for peace and cooperation in our communities and around the world. Protect all who live amid war and violence and bless all those who work for a just and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We pray for all who are in need. Comfort those who grieve and bring solace to those who are weary or lonely. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We pray for caregivers: doctors, nurses, home health aides, counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Support them in their work and help us build a health care system that supports everyone. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

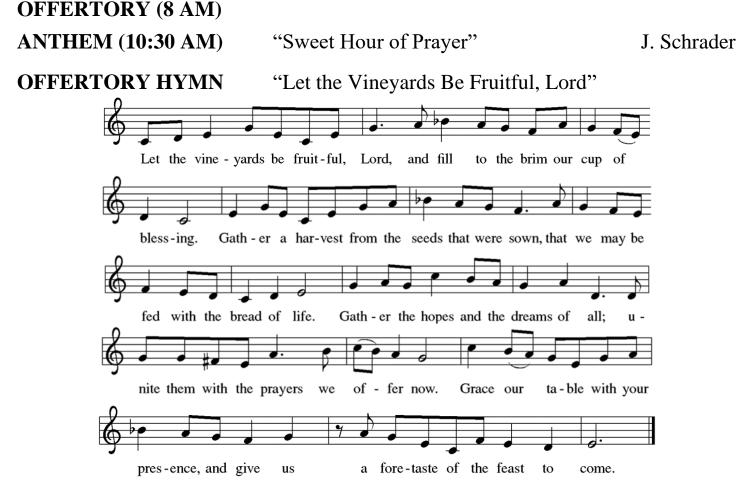
We give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their earthly labors. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

(*The Pastor concludes*): We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

### PEACE

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

## **OFFERING**



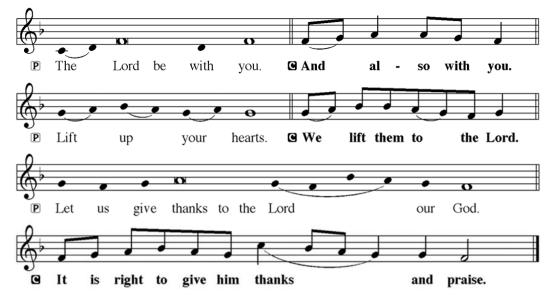
## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

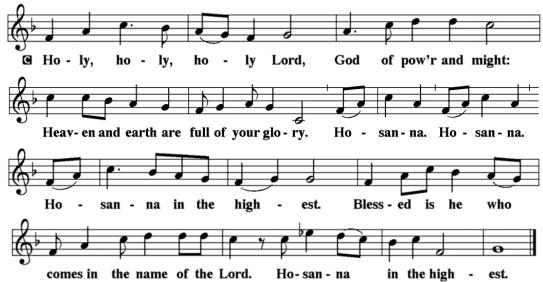
### MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### SANCTUS



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

## Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

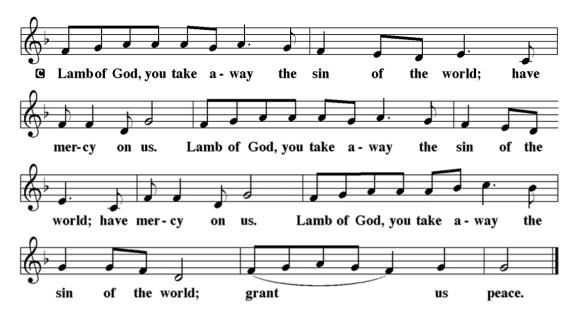
All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by <u>intinction</u>. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.

### **AGNUS DEI**



**COMMUNION HYMN** 

"Healer of Our Every Ill" [See back of bulletin]

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Sending**

## BLESSING

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 中 give you peace. **Amen.** 

### SENDING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory" [See back of bulletin]

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**Introduction to the day:** Someone outside Jesus' group is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want to stop him. They ask Jesus for help, much as Joshua asked Moses about "unauthorized" prophets. Jesus, like Moses, doesn't see this as a problem. He welcomes good deeds done in his name, even if they're not under his control. We should likewise appreciate good works done in Jesus' name, even if they're done differently than we might do them or by people we don't know.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of John D. (Jack) Snyder by Krista Harding.

Bulletins are presented in memory of loved ones by Diane Brobst.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of mother, Margaret B. Piacine by daughter, Danielle Richards.

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## LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

## **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Everyone is invited to our annual church picnic TODAY at Albright's Woods pavilion immediately following our 10:30 a.m. service at the church. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by the Evangelism Committee. Covered dishes to share are welcomed, but not required.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S	
8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 AM	Adult Forum
10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	Church Picnic at Albright's Woods
	Pavilion following the service
12 Noon	Crafters' Guild
6:00 PM	Bell Choir
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
10:00 AM	STiC Walk in Tumbling Run
9AM - 2PM	Service Ministry Annual Bazaar
5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
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10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals Service at
	Albright's Woods Pavilion
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### SERVING TODAY (9/29/24)

#### 8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter COMMUNION ASSISTANT: ConnieTeter

### 10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Bill Smoot; LECTOR: Sarah Eger COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tina Butler ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Amy Dewald COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/6/24)

### 8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

### 10:30 AM

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Tina Butler; LECTOR: Leslie Guldin COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Cindy Ritschel ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

Our annual Service Ministry Bazaar is set for Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Reidler Hall. The event will feature good food, a large auction of gift baskets, local vendors and crafters selling their wares, homemade candies and pies for purchase, and an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. Proceeds will benefit those in need in our community. Several sign-up sheets are in the gathering room.

If you have glass quart jars from previous bazaar events, please bring them to the church ASAP so that they can be reused. Thank you!

### SECOND SUNDAY SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

'Second Sunday' Snacks and Fellowship has come to St. Paul's! Every Second Sunday through the month of May there will be refreshments and coffee from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Individuals, families, or groups can host by bringing simple finger foods and juice to share. All paper goods and coffee will be provided by the church.

A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room. Please contact Jessica Swick for questions about hosting at 936-648-6809 or jessica@stpauls-orwigsburg.org.

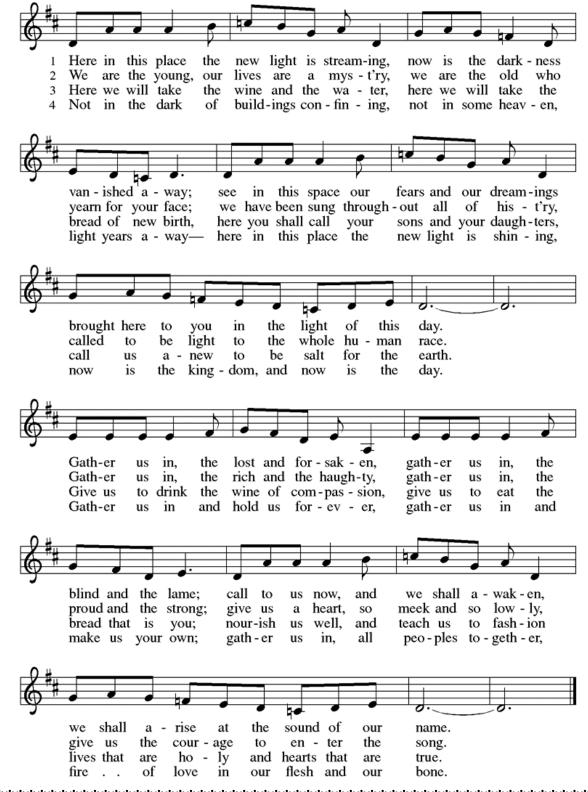
### "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" SERVICE AT ALBRIGHT'S WOODS

We will hold our annual "Blessing of the Animals" service at Albright's Woods Pavilion on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. This event is rain or shine. All friendly leashed (or housed) animals, who slither, crawl, hop, walk, swim, or fly, are welcome to participate in this outdoor event.

We will not collect donations of food or animal care items as part of this year's event. However, if you would like to give a monetary donation to either Red Creek Wildlife Center or either of the local SPCA's, their mailing addresses are listed below:

Red Creek Wildlife Center, 300 Moonhill Dr, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 Hillside SPCA, 51 SPCA Rd, Pottsville, PA 17901 Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCA, 18 Wertz Dr, Pine Grove, PA 17963 **GATHERING HYMN** 

"Gather Us In"



### WHERE ARE OUR OFFERING PLATES?

Our offering plate is in the back of the church near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering and have not already done so, please place your offering in the plate before worship begins or as you leave the church.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



**COMMUNION HYMN** "Healer of Our Every Ill"



### "SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next Second Sunday School class will take place on October 13! Children ages 1 through 6 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Young people aged 7 through 12 are invited to a youth group with Bible study and activities from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Parents are invited to stay and enjoy fellowship time with snacks and coffee while their children are in class.)

Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com.

#### WELCA NEWS

The Women of the ELCA will prepare a basket for the annual Service Ministry Bazaar set for Saturday, October 5. Just like the last two years, the theme will be a gift card basket. Gift cards can be placed in the box at the gathering table or, if you prefer, a monetary donation for the purchase of gift cards can be given to Gwen Wehr or Joyce O'Rourke.

"God of Grace and God of Glory" SENDING HYMN grace God of and God of glo - ry, your peo - ple on 2 Lo! The hosts round us scorn the Christ, as of vil e -3 Cure your chil dren's war bend our pride to ring mad - ness; Save us from weak res na - tion the e - vils ig to pour your pow'r; crown your an cient chur ch's sto - ry; sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us your con - trol; self shame our wan ton, ish glad - ness, de - plore; va - tion we let the gift of your sal glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant bring its bud to us cour-age free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, he our glo-ry 0 the fac - ing the fac - ing of this hour, for of this hour. for for the liv - ing of these days, the liv - ing of these days. for lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal. serv-ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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