

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

"Hope in the Lord Will Not Fail!"

THE OPENING HYMN #694 *"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"*



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C: **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: **The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: O Almighty God,

C: Merciful Father, we confess before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 33:12-22; *antiphon: verse 20* (ESV)

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

C: the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

P: The LORD looks down from heaven;

C: He sees all the children of man;

P: from where He sits enthroned He looks out

C: on all the inhabitants of the earth,

P: He who fashions the hearts of them all

C: and observes all their deeds.

P: The king is not saved by his great army;

C: a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

P: The war horse is a false hope for salvation,

C: and by its great might it cannot rescue.

P: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

C: on those who hope in His steadfast love,

P: that He may deliver their soul from death

C: and keep them alive in famine.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart is glad in Him,

C: because we trust in His holy name.

P: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

C: **even as we hope in You.**

**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.**

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE #553 "O Christ, Our Hope"



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To

a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -

fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

**5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!**

**△6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-16 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE ALLELUIA *(tune: "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB #795)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Not to us, Lord, not to us, But to Your name be all glory
For Your saving stead-fast love. Alleluia! Alleluia! Faithful Lord, Immanuel!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22-34 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And [Jesus] said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE 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.**


(please be seated)

THE MEMORY VERSE *The Meaning of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
from Luther's Small Catechism*


**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true
man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned
person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the
devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent
suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve
Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from
the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


THE HYMN OF THE DAY #575 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I




blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

THE SERMON *"Hope in the Lord Will Not Fail!"* Text: Psalm 33:12-22

(please stand)

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS *(pages 192-193 in the hymnal)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Lord in Your mercy," "Hear our prayer.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #692 "Praise to You and Adoration"

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with

share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,

From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your

joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two parts indicated by '1' and '2' at the beginning. The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS