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August 7, 2022: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM – Holy Communion/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude - In God I Put My Trust - Robert J. Powell

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - WOV #837- "Many and Great"

(Stand if you are able)

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Genesis 15: 1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

L: A reading from Genesis, chapter 15.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, 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, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven and count the

stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 33

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

13The LORD looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

15God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

17The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

19to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

21Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

L: A reading from Hebrews, the 11th chapter.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, 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; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke:

C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - ELW# 856- "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1&2

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 and Intercessions:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music- Be Not Afraid

Offertory Song - ELW 884

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (page 206)

P: The Lord be with you. C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208

Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 856 vs.3 &4 - “How Great Thou Art”

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW# 638 "Blessed Assurance"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Blessed Assurance

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Mark Harwick and Beth Snyder
Lector	- Tom Gaun
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, August 7th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Following worship: Lemonade on the Lawn and discussion: "What is Durham's fall ministry outlook"

- Next Sunday, August 14th- 10th Sunday after Pentecost
- Pastor Heckman's summer office hours are: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10 am to 1 pm.

- Monday, August 8th – Council/Finance Committee meeting regarding Audit report
- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS- AUGUST 7th - Joan Mammana, Anne Valent; AUGUST 8th - Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse; AUGUST 10th - Addyson Mammana, Jacob Roney
- Our Outreach envelopes for August will go to our two local food banks
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Barbara Naska; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello; Stephanie Courtney; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; LaDonna Gibbs; Candie Gimbar; Justin Heckman; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Debbie Schultz; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.