The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John Tide
July 25-26, 2026
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Entrance Hymn "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782
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Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**. (*sit*)

Old Testament Reading *A Chosen People* Deuteronomy 7:6-9

6"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a
people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7It was
not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and
chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping
the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and
redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
9Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and
steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle *God's Everlasting Love* Romans 8:28-39

28We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called
according to his purpose. 29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those whom he
predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified
he also glorified.
31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not
spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all
things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to
condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right
hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall
tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am sure that
neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor
height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Isaiah 40:8

C **Alleluia, alleluia!**

A I will open my mouth in | parables;*
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation | of the world.

C **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Gospel *Jesus' Parables* Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

44[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." 52And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" tune: AZMON
soloist sts. 3, 5

1 **Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,**
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything,
Your portion shall remain.

2 **He is your treasure, He your joy,**
Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy,
Your shield and great reward.

3 Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care;
He makes your burdens light.

4 **Did not His love and truth and pow'r**
Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour
Turn dreaded ills away?

5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.

6 **His wisdom never plans in vain**
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessèd ending makes.

7 **Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,**
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church (*stand*) *congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

Offering (*sit*)

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Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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Distribution (*sit*) "Jesus Sat with His Disciples" LSB 932

Jesus sat with His disciples
On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered,
He began to teach and say:
"Blessèd are the poor in spirit,
Heaven's kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,
Joy and comfort will be theirs.

"Blessèd are the meek and humble,
All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
They are bless'd and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessèd,
Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessèd,
They have eyes for God alone.

"Blessèd are God's sons and daughters,
Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted,
Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suff'ring
And rejoice to know My love."

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

Postlude

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