

Praying

Pentecost 9 Worship with Holy Communion





August 6, 2017

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES! We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, in the back corner of the sanctuary there is a room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place. The restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

SON OF GOD, LORD JESUS: You intended to have a perfect field of good wheat; and here we are, living as wheat among weeds. Grant that our faith is not choked out, but rather that we bring forth good fruit to your glory, now and forever; AMEN.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR PRAYER:

For we are in a situation where no person can perfectly keep the Ten Commandments, even though he has begun to believe. The devil with all his power, together with the world and our own flesh, resists our efforts. Therefore, nothing is more necessary than that we should continually turn towards God's ear, call upon Him, and pray to Him. We must pray that He would give, preserve, and increase faith in us and the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments [2 Thessalonians 1:3]. We pray that He would remove everything that is in our way and that opposes us in these matters. 3 So that we might know what and how to pray, our Lord Christ has Himself taught us both the way and the words [Luke 11:1-4], as we shall see.

Luther's Large Catechism - Introduction to Prayer (p. 407)

THE BASICS: PRAYER

The Christian lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. In the Prayer of the Day we ask for the spirit to live like wheat—to think and to do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.

What is the practical value of prayer in our everyday lives?

OPENING HYMN: 221 - *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

OPENING RESPONSES: *CW p. 15*

Please rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: *Joel 3:12-16*

The judgment brings final separation of weeds & wheat:

12Let the nations be roused.

Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,
for there I will sit to judge all the nations.

13Swing the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.

Come, trample the grapes,
for the winepress is full and the vats overflow,
because their wickedness is so great!

14Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!
For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of Decision.

15The sun and moon will be darkened,
and the stars will stop shining.

16The LORD will roar from Zion
and shout from Jerusalem.

The sky and the earth will tremble.
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM: 18, p. 69

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:26-27*

Prayer is a gift from God for all believers who are living as wheat among weeds:

26In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. 27And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

THEME VERSE: *Isaiah 55:11*

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

God urges his people to live with their eye on the coming harvest:

♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

24He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. 27The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' 28He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' 29'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."'"

36Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

37He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

38The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. 39The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels.

40Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. 41The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue

to break the law. 42The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed, p. 18*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *541 - Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

SERMON based on Romans 8: *The Eminently Practical Power of Prayer*

CREATE IN ME: *CW p. 20*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

For our Holy Communion practice, please see the purple sheet in the pew racks.

COMMUNION LITURGY: *p. 21*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *310 vv. 6 & following - I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

SONG OF SIMEON: *CW p. 24*

CLOSING HYMN: 468 - *My God, My Father, Make Me Strong*

NOTES

Andy Jacobsen has a brief update from Synod Convention.

Saturday, Frisbee Golf & pizza & swimming.
Meet at Cedar Creek Park 2 PM...?

Book Club, August 29 at 7 PM – Graffiti Corner.

Catechism starts Sept 6. **Worship in the Park**, Sept 10.
Sunday School, Sept 17.

THIS WEEK

Today **1 Peter 4**
9:30 AM - Pentecost 9 Worship with Holy Communion
10:53 AM - Bible class

Monday **1 Peter 5**

Tuesday **2 Peter 1**
6:30 PM Elders
7 PM Council

Wednesday **2 Peter 2**

Thursday **2 Peter 3**

Friday **1 John 1**

Saturday **1 John 2**
Frisbee golf & swimming

Sunday **1 John 3**
9:30 - Pentecost 10 Worship
10:56 AM - Bible Class

Monday-Sunday Martin County Fair

This We Believe: Christ's Return & the Final Judgment

Occasionally, we'll feature select portions from our Wisconsin Synod Statement of Belief, which is entitled "This We Believe." Today's selection is a portion of the discussion about Jesus' return and judgment:

1. We believe that Jesus, true God and true man, who rose from death and ascended to the right hand of the Father, will come again. He will return visibly, in the same way as his disciples saw him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).
2. We believe that no one can know the exact time of Jesus' return. This knowledge is hidden even from the angels in heaven (Matthew 24:36). Nevertheless, our Lord has given signs to his believers to keep them in constant expectation of his return (Matthew 24:4-14). He has told them to be alert and to watch so that day will not come upon them unexpectedly (Luke 21:34).
3. We believe that at Jesus' return this present world will come to an end. "In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13).
4. We believe that when Jesus returns and his voice is heard throughout the earth, all the dead will rise, that is, their souls will be reunited with their bodies (John 5:28,29). Together with those still living, the resurrected will appear before his throne of judgment. The unbelievers will be condemned to an eternity in hell. Those who by faith have been cleansed in the blood of Christ will be glorified and will live with Jesus forever in the blessed presence of God in heaven (Philippians 3:21).



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MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

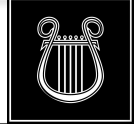
This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
- No



Communion?

- Yes
- No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

