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The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM July 26, 2026**OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!***"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11*

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Organ Prelude:** Partita on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure". . . J. G. Walther**Welcome and Announcements****Opening Hymn:** LSB 651 – I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**Invocation****P:** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.**C:** *Amen.***Exhortation****P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,**C:** who made heaven and earth.**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**C:** *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.***Confession****P:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.***Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis**

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7: 6-9

Anthem/Solo - Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus) . . . C. Rice

*Weak and wounded sinner
 Lost and left to die
 O, raise your head, for love is passing by
 Come to Jesus
 Come to Jesus
 Come to Jesus and live!*

*Now your burden's lifted
 And carried far away
 And precious blood has washed away the stain... so
 Sing to Jesus
 Sing to Jesus
 Sing to Jesus and live!*

*And like a newborn baby
 Don't be afraid to crawl
 And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall... so
 Fall on Jesus
 Fall on Jesus
 Fall on Jesus and live!*

*Sometimes the way is lonely
 And steep and filled with pain
 So if your sky is dark and pours the rain... then
 Cry to Jesus
 Cry to Jesus
 Cry to Jesus and live!*

*O, and when the love spills over
 And music fills the night
 And when you can't contain your joy inside... then
 Dance for Jesus
 Dance for Jesus
 Dance for Jesus and live!*

*And with your final heartbeat
 Kiss the world goodbye
 Then go in peace, and laugh on glory's side... and
 Fly to Jesus
 Fly to Jesus
 Fly to Jesus and live!*

Epistle: Romans 8: 28-39

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God*

Apostle's 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.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 743 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure (vs. 1-4)

Children's Message

Video: Only God Can Do That . . . 231 Worship

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: I Want Faith Like . . . Joseph

Sermon Text: Genesis 50: 15-21

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responsive Prayer

- P:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
- C:** *make known his deeds among the peoples!*
- P:** Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C:** *tell of all his wondrous works!*
- P:** Glory in his holy name;
- C:** *let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*
- P:** Seek the Lord and his strength;
- C:** *seek his presence continually!*
- P:** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C:** *his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*
- P:** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
- C:** *children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*
- P:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
- C:** *make known his deeds among the peoples!*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 746 - Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit

Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (LSB 211)

- O Lord, now let Your servant
- Depart in heav’nly peace,

For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

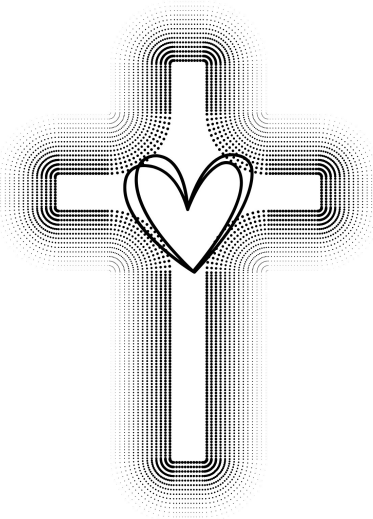
All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 818 – In Thee is Gladness

Benediction

Postlude: In Thee is Gladness . . . J. S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER CHART: Sign up to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or life event! The cost is \$20 and the arrangement can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans next weekend (August 1&2) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

S.O.S. (Share Our Strengths): A reminder that this group meets weekly to share life’s challenges and discuss ways to uplift and support one another. All are welcome! Meetings are on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fish Building.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, August 1, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer; see our website for the link.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, August 15, we are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

NURSERY: We have free nursery care available beginning at 7:45 a.m. through the end of the late service.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Teen Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Pakistan (Punjabi)

"I am in my 20s and I work as a truck driver. I got married five years ago but we still don't have any kids. In spite of this, my wife and I continue to pray with hope and put all of our faith in God. We regularly tune in to The Word Today Punjabi programs, which provide us with spiritual nourishment. These teachings serve as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, provides abundantly, just as he provided the Israelites with water from a rock. We trust that he will bless us in his perfect time. He has an abundance of divine treasures."

"I became a believer a few years ago after accepting Christ. My faith and spirituality have been growing as a result of The Word Today (TWT) Punjabi radio program. I feel comfortable telling my family about Jesus Christ now.

Nepal (Nepali)

God spoke to me when I was feeling deeply depressed and lonely, when life seemed full of darkness and uncertainty. For the past five years, I have been listening to God’s word. My faith has continued to grow, and I have felt stronger than ever. I came to faith at a time when I was completely under the attack of demonic forces, but through prayer, I was fully healed and set free. I surrendered my life to God, and since then, regularly listening to His word has helped me understand who He is and how He helps us in our most difficult times. Through the TWT radio program, my family and I have experienced an incredible journey with God. His voice echoes in my heart and mind every time I tune in. Thank you, TWT-Nepali Program, for being a blessing in our lives.

Since coming to faith, my past has become like a shadow behind me. I can now look back and see how far I have come. When I was still following my former religion, Hinduism, many people would criticize our traditional beliefs and practices. I grew up in a home where religion was routine, but my heart was always restless. I tried different things to fill the emptiness inside me, but it only led to more destruction—affecting my life, career, health, and peace of mind. I had no hope and no direction. It was during that dark time that I had the opportunity to hear the gospel. One evening, I began searching through FM stations and came across the TWT-Nepali radio program. These programs slowly led me to discover and accept the truth. As my life became filled with blessings, I also reached out to my sister and guided her toward a peaceful life in Christ. From that night on, I never missed a single episode. Every broadcast helped me understand more about Jesus and His love. Gradually, I began praying, reading the Bible, attending a local church, and inviting my friends to join me so they too could grow in faith. Through this program, I found salvation. I found hope. I found Jesus. Thank you for providing such a meaningful program for us.