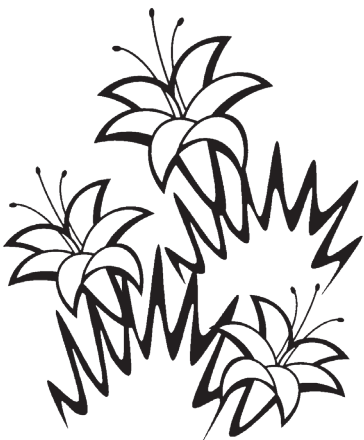


Pentecost 9

August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14 (Year C)

Jesus taught the twelve, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” God loves his children so deeply that every one of us is a priceless treasure to Him. The psalmist sang of God’s watchful eye and protection. To Abraham, God promised an heir and descendants too numerous to count. God saw the ancestors of the faith through trials and brought them to safety. Our faith rests in Christ alone.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6 **Abram Believes God’s Promise**
The Word of the Lord was given to Abram, and he was told he would have a great reward from God. Abram questioned God about his lack of an heir. It was then that God promised that Abraham would have descendants more numerous than the stars.

Psalm 33:12-22 **The Lord’s Eye is on His People**
The psalmist sang of the happiness of a people who love the Lord. The Lord God watches over those who fear him and put their trust and hope in him.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16 **By Faith**
The author of Hebrews defined faith and gave examples of those ancestors who relied on faith in God to see them through. Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham all trusted in the Lord to save them and deliver on His promises. Each desired a heavenly inheritance, and God, in his steadfast love, prepared it for them.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40) **Your Father Knows Your Needs**
Jesus urged his friends not to worry about the troubling aspects of their lives. Such things as clothing, food, or health are taken care of by the Father, who knows all their needs. Jesus proclaimed to them their great value in the eyes of the Father, who loves them even more than the ravens and lilies He cares for. Instead, Jesus counseled, strive for the Kingdom of God and all that you need will be given to you by Him who loves you.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * Consider having a treasure chest on display for worship this morning. It might be open and filled with things that people often treasure (sometimes more than we seem to treasure God). As a focal point, it will remind worshipers that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- * Luther often said that the true treasures of the church are Holy Communion, Baptism and the Office of the Keys.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Have No Fear, Little Flock	476	---	735	764	202	202
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	333	---	722	767	249	249
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	458	---	743	775	39	39
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun	269	---	868	557	60	60
O Holy Spirit, Enter In	459	---	913	786	---	---
Jesus, Still Lead On	341	---	---	624	237	237
If You Will (But) Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	222	222
How Great Thou Art	532	---	801	856	26	26

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Seek Ye First (CCLI# 1352)
The Lilies of the Field (CCLI# 57409)
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) (CCLI# 6428767)
It is Well With My Soul (CCLI# 25376)
Open Up the Heavens (CCLI# 6304702)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.