# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025



## Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you welcome!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

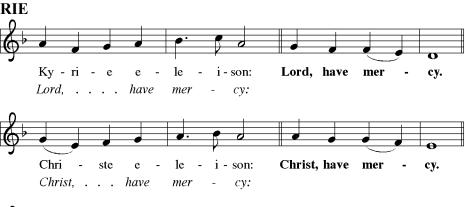
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

#### GATHERING SONG The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831)

#### **GREETING**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**





#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Genesis.

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.

<sup>1</sup> 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." <sup>2</sup> 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?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22**

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- 13 The LORD looks | down from heaven, and sees all | humankind.
- <sup>14</sup> God sits firmly en- | throned and watches all who dwell | on the earth.
- 15 God fashions | all their hearts and observes | all their deeds. R
- <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size | of the army, nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup> The horse gives vain | hope for victory; despite its great strength it | cannot save.

- <sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear 'you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your 'steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their | lives from death, and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R
- <sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for 1 you, O LORD, our helper 1 and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you, for in your holy name we | put our trust.
- <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, \( \text{be upon us,} \) even as we place our \( \text{hope in you.} \) R

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*The reading may be announced:* 

A reading from Hebrews.

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.

- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> 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."

<sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

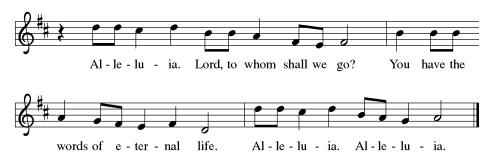
The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> "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. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

#### The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

#### A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need (*especially*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

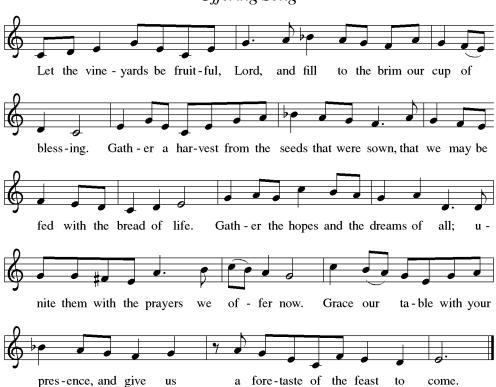
And also with you.

#### **MEAL**

#### **MUSICAL SELECTION**

#### **OFFERING**

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God,

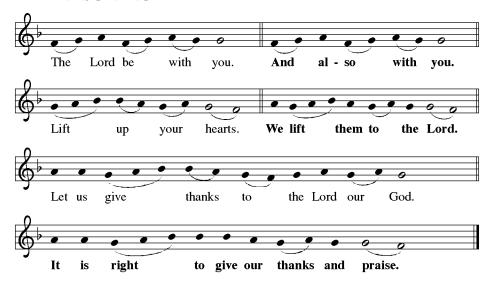
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

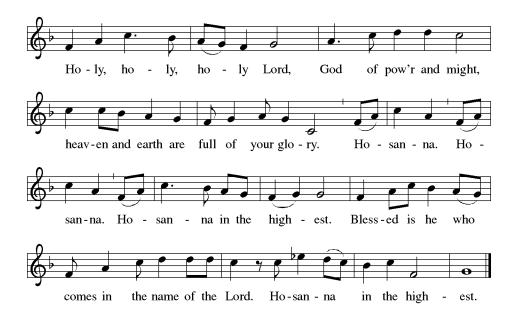
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

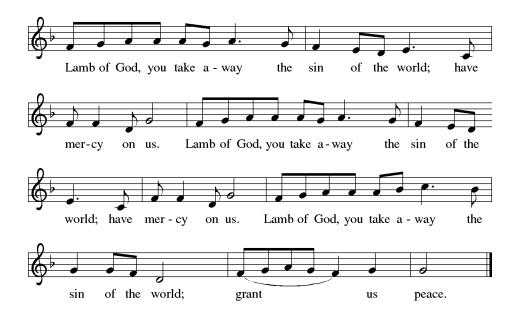
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

+ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

#### SENDING SONG O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)

#### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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### DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS August 10, 2025

*The Altar Flowers* are sponsored today by Kim Schleicher in honor of mother, Jeanette Vrablic.

The Bulletins are not sponsored today.

Flower and bulletin charts for 2025 are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation

#### Office Hours:

Monday 8:00AM to 12:30PM, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM (610)377-4242

#### The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship
Monday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
-	7:00PM	Fermenting our Faith (Circa 1898)
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study

## Sunday 9:00AM 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship **HAPPY BIRTHDAY! August 10 to August 16**

08/10 Alyssa Schleicher	08/12 Taelyn Freundt
08/11 Autumn Frey	08/14 Austin Ahner
08/11 Katelynn McMichael	08/14 Carl Schleicher
08/11 Emma Wilkinson	08/15 Pamela Manogue

<u>Giant Gift Cards</u>: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

<u>Fundraising</u>: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

We will be having a joint worship service at St John's on August 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM with the joint community picnic after the service from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

We will also have the blessing of the backpacks on August 24, 2025 during the joint service at St John's.

**Hoagie Sale**: Dinkey will be having a hoagie sale; Spicy Italian, Italian, Ham Turkey, Roast Beef, American, Turkey or All Cheese sandwiches. Cost is \$8.00 each; order by September 6, 2025; pick up on September 16, 2025 from 1:30 to 7:00 PM. Order forms in back of church or you can call Courtney Van Fossen (484)464-5537 or the church office (610)377-4242.

**<u>Donut Sale</u>**: St John's will be having their donut sale; orders due by August 17, 2025, 9:00AM to 10:00AM; pick up on September 4, 2025. Sign up sheet in back of church.

**Basket Raffle**: Dinkey will be having their basket raffle on Friday, September 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00PM and Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Donations of gift baskets or gift cards are greatly appreciated. Please see Karen Schleicher.

<u>Car/ Motorcycle Show</u>: Dinkey will be holding it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025; rain date October 11, 2025. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

**<u>Fall Bazaar</u>**: St John's will be having their fall bazaar on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

<u>Mums</u>: St John's will be selling mums for \$8.50 each; order by Sunday September 7, 2025; pick up at St John's after church on September 21. 2025. Sign up sheets in back of church.

<u>Stained Glass Windows</u>: Help preserve our stained glass windows by making a donation today. Your support will help us complete the work necessary to repair and upgrade the windows and preserve them for the future. You can donate by marking "Stained Glass Windows" on your envelope and memo line of your check, or by scanning the QR code to download the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your support and commitment to this project.



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#### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Tess Hinger Gordon Scherer
Ruth Keck Alice Scitney
Debbie Meckel Debra Strohl

#### SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

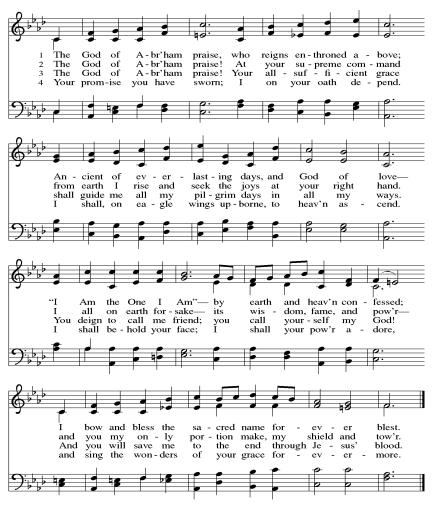
Alexis Lauren Dugan Sandy Keller Faith Beck Candy Everett Joe Kluk Arlene Bisbing Deb Lilly Ann German Eli Bowland Dick German Kenny Schleicher Sherri Bowman Joseph Gorman Kathy Steigerwalt Patti Walck Stephen Hoffman Family of Terry Christman Doug Keller Sandy Walter

Betty Weber

#### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Ministers:	The Congregation
Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Music Director:	Bridgette Gorman
<u>Greeters</u> :	Bierman
Acolytes:	Derek Spitzer
	Jordyn Albert
Lector:	Elizabeth Matz
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Joanne Koons
	Elijah Pagotto
Worship Participants for August 17, 2025	5 (outdoor service):
<u>Greeters</u> :	Everett
Lector:	Courtney Van Fossen

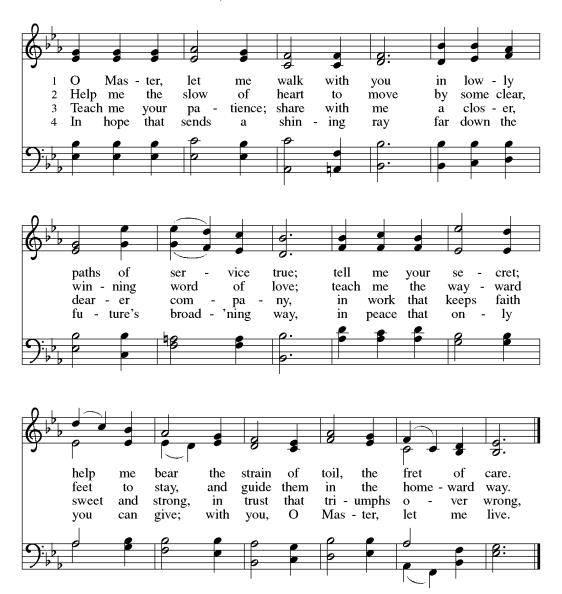
#### The God of Abraham Praise



- 5 Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand, to Canaan's bounds I urge my way at your command.
  The wat'ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view, and through the howling wilderness my way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
  There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 7 Before the great Three-One the saints exulting stand and tell the wonders God has done through all their land. The list'ning spheres attend and swell the growing fame and sing the songs which never end, the wondrous name.
- 8 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.
  "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
  Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
  I join the heav'nly lays:
  to you be glory, might divine,
  and endless praise!

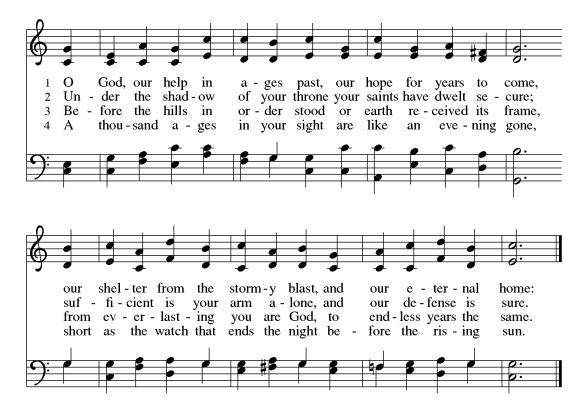
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#### O Master, Let Me Walk with You



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

#### O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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