

We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out for your entire family, tear off, and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you!

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I am a guest of \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ First Time Guest
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- ☐ Would like a visit
- ☐ Would like to know more about St. Mark
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_


Prayer Request

- ☐ Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**
- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Congregation at Prayer
- ☐ Pastor Kolb

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

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Introit

*Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7*



Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!  
**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth; \*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**  
He gives to the | beasts their food, \*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.  
**His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, \*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, \*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, 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, “Behold, you have

given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;  
<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.  
<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.  
<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Hebrews 11:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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