

All people: Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Spirit on us. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and make these gifts the body and blood of Christ. Amen.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

All people: O Lord, Jesus Christ, you have fed us richly and refreshed our souls. Help us to love you will all of our hearts, to truly believe in your Gospel, and to live according to your will, in love and peace. Amen.

HYMN *Now Thank We All our God* **Blue Hymnal, #715**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You are God's beloved people:
refreshed, restored, forgiven and healed.
Go now into this world
confident in the gifts God has given you.
Go to serve all people,
bringing words of peace and hope to all whom you meet.

All people: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING **Acolyte**

POSTLUDE **Mr. Kevin Crone**

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July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLELIGHTING

PRELUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone
Rev. Laura C. Baker
Acolyte

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place
Congregation: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.
Pastor: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.
Congregation: Our lives need moments of rest.
Pastor: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.
Congregation: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.

HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center* **Blue Hymnal, #575**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 8:22-23 and Hebrews 4:16)

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, when it comes to sin, there is no distinction between us "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. So, "let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace..." Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities; we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Pastor: "God is rich in mercy! God brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of our sin. God did this because of God's great love for us." We are saved by God's amazing grace!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

All people: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

Blue Hymnal, #546

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

All people: *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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.*

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God with a song and a prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: *Gracious God, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's My Shepherd (Rotermund)

Summer Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to you, Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is good and right to praise the Lord.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all people.

All people: *Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people; to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling.

All people: *You were faithful.*

Pastor: We wandered from The Way.

All people: *You called us to return and led us home. And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.*

Pastor: At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life. By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit. On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, *"This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

All people:

Pastor:

All people:

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood. It is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Pastor:

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we sing (proclaim) the mystery of our faith: