



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

July 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

The order of service is found in The Book of Common Prayer (“BCP” - Red books). Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (“Hymnal” - Blue); Wonder, Love & Praise (“WLP” - Green); or the spiral-bound supplement (“CECS”).

PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hymnal 645*
The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*

SALUTATION *BCP p. 355*

THE GLORIA *Hymnal S-280*
Glory to God in the Highest *Robert Powell*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *See insert*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12 *See insert*

PSALM 119:129-136 *See Insert*

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39 *See insert*

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 558*
Faith of our fathers! living still *St. Catherine*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 *See insert*

THE SERMON *The Rev. Brandon Cooper*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE NICENE CREED *BCP p. 358*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *Form V* *BCP p. 389*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION *BCP p. 360*

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE HOLY COMMUNION – Rite II

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 410*
Praise my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda anima*

THE DOXOLOGY *Hymnal 380 (vs 3)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Old Hundredth*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP p. 361*

SANCTUS *S-125*
Holy, holy, holy Lord... *Richard Proulx*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP p. 364*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM *Hymnal S-164*
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us *Franz Schubert/Richard Proulx*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion.*
- *Simply hold out your hand to receive the wafer and dip it into the wine when you are offered the small chalice.*
- *You may also consume the wafer and drink from the large chalice.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available for those who request them.*

COMMUNION HYMN #1 *Hymnal 730*
You satisfy the hungry heart *Finest Wheat*

COMMUNION HYMN #2 *Hymnal 379*
God is Love, let heaven adore him *Hyfrydol*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP p. 365*

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Hymnal 397*
Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S READINGS – 9 Pentecost/Proper 12 -Track 2
July 26, 2026

THE COLLECT:

Traditional: O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Contemporary: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON:

1 Kings 3:5-12

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalms 119:129-136

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND LESSON:

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading From Paul's Letter to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,

in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- For those who are infirm or in need of comfort: *Jordan Geiger, Dan Hoffman*
- For those who are homebound: *Evelyn Arlow, Carole Campbell, Gretel Gormley, Jean Harrison, Carolyn Werley*
- Continued prayers for: *Chris Immroth, Kate Geiger, Michael Naccarelli, Pat Masterson, Curtis, Jennifer Gutierrez, Tom, Nancy, Joan*
- For those who have died:

DEDICATIONS

- The Altar Flowers & Aumbry Candle are given to the glory of God..

Participants in the Service

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Brandon P. Cooper
Organist & Choirmaster	Ed Kapsha
Acolytes	Evie Seagraves, Nathalie Keebler, James Baker
Altar Guild	Marianne Mathews, Janet Stephenson
Greeters	Marc & Gisella Del Frate
Readers	Warren Howe, Melissa Keebler, Jim Neral
Ushers	David Bischoff, Tom Ingram, Jerry Stephenson, Danny Kotson

Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery	Kathy Downey
Coffee Hour	Gisella Del Frate, Mary Pyle
Counters	Kim Zylinski, Jeff Allshouse

Welcome!

Welcome! We're delighted you're here. Whether this is your first visit, your first time in a while, or you're with us every week—in person or online—your presence is what makes us a church. If you're new, please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service so we can get to know you. We'd love to meet you.

All children are welcome to church. Alternatively, our Nursery is staffed for children who are Infant-age 2. A quiet room, just off the narthex, provides a feed of the service livestream if needed. For our young ones between age 3 to those who are starting 3rd Grade in the Fall, the Summer Children's Program will begin again in the Education Building during the 10:00 service. Older children will experience a "Children's Moment" in church prior to the sermon.

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Term Ending: January 2027

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Bruce Quayle, Tracy Rearick

Term Ending: January 2028

Jeff Allshouse, Christina Duty, Larry Fitzgerald, Kim Zylinski

Term Ending: January 2029

Susan Harchelroad, Elaine Malec, Valerie Tardif, Tim Whitford

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