

August 7, 2022
9th Sunday after
Pentecost

GATHERING

**CONFESSION AND
FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and
consolation, come to the help
of your people, turning us

from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the
fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight
in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the
name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen
you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your
hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW
#771)*

GREETING

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 (ELW p. 213)

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **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

¹After 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."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house

is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord. **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*)

¹²Happy 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.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, 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.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

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

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah

herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore 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.” ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance (ELW #638)*

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s
only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand
of the Father,

and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW #188)*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon (ELW #439)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jami gone through the 12th
- Aug. 8th Confirmation Retreat (Turtle River) Meet at Fisher at 7 AM.
- Aug. 14th 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher with coffee fellowship following.
- Tom Brusegaard on call through Aug. 13th. Please call in case of emergency. 701-215-0300
- Aug. 16th 8:00 AM Stretch and Pray
- Aug. 16th Community Block Party (Free meal! Bring your own chair)
- Aug 17th WELCA Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Tom Brusegaard has been on Senator Hoeven's staff since January 2011. He is the NE Regional Director and serves as agriculture policy advisor. Working out of the Grand Forks office, he has state-wide responsibilities on agricultural subjects and handles a variety of regional issues.

Brusegaard was born and raised on a family farm near Gilby, ND. He graduated from Midway High School and went on to study Agricultural Economics at NDSU. He farmed first with his father and then on his own until 2004. He has been a stock broker, a private investigator, a radio talk show host. He currently serves as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains and provides pulpit supply at several area churches. Tom served in the ND House of Representatives for 10 years, representing rural Grand Forks County. He was on the Agriculture, Education, and Appropriations committees where he chaired the NDSU Ag Research/Extension budget subcommittee. He has two adult sons and still resides in Gilby.