



Pentecost 9  
July 25, 2021

## prelude

### Entrance hymn

634

### Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

*A: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*A: O Come let us worship and bow down;*

**C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth  
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of  
the Lord is to be praised.**

*A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the  
Most High.*

**C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his  
faithfulness at the close of the day.**

*A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.*

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## hymn of praise

865

### prayer of the day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: O Lord, cast out all that corrupts and distracts us and  
fill us your spirit so that we may always think and  
do what is right and righteous. Protect us from all  
evil and give us the courage and strength to limit its  
power in our presence. We ask this in your holy  
name. Amen.**

***Woes Against Those Who Do Not Lead God's People Faithfully***

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the Lord.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people:

"It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings," says the Lord.

"Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing," says the Lord.

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Once Aliens from God*

*The author writes:* . . . So then, remember that at one time you who are Gentiles by birth who are called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – by which they mean a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – you Gentiles remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the Covenant of Promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

*Now One*

But now, in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

**Children's Sermon****Verse****886** vs. 1, 4-6

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

**Mark 5:1-20**

*Jesus and the disciples* came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And just as Jesus disembarked from the boat a man in an unclean spirit from the tombs came to meet him. *This man* lived among the tombs and no one and no chain had the strength any longer to restrain him, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces and no one had the strength to subdue him. All night and all day he wandered among the tombs and on the mountains. He also was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

When this man saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and worshipped before him.

He cried out with a great voice saying, "What issue *is there between* you and me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."

For *Jesus* had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

Then *Jesus* demanded of him, "What is your name?"

He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

And *the spirits* tried to implore *Jesus* not to send them out of the region.

Now there was, toward the mountain, a great heard of pigs feeding and *the spirits* pleaded with *Jesus* saying, "Send us into the pigs; so that we may enter them."

And *Jesus* permitted them to do so. And coming out of *the man*, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and reported it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, sitting, now, getting dressed, and making sense – this man who they knew had the legion - and the people were afraid. Those who had

seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the pigs told the story about the event. And the people began to plead with *Jesus* to leave their area.

*Jesus* embarked on the boat, again, and the man who had been possessed by demons pleaded with *Jesus* to let him embark as well to be with him in the boat.

But *Jesus* would not allow him aboard, saying to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you."

And *the man* went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much *Jesus* had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

hymn of the Day

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Creed

p. 105

Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

845 Vs. 1 & 5

Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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the Lord's Prayer

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Distribution Hymns

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

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# Dismissal

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## Today:

Altar Guild Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.

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