

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:1,11

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 30 (page 25)

Q. Who are to come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q. Are those to be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and His apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 325 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Call to Confession: Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we confess to You that we are displeased with ourselves. We have failed to imitate Jesus' love for us that is

demonstrated in the Lord's Supper in that we have failed to vigorously pursue in our prayers and through generosity the overall spiritual health and holiness of our church family. Instead we have pursued self-gratification by coming to the Lord's Table but not vigorously pleading to You for holiness we have failed to truly draw near to You. Grant forgiveness to us we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Lord, we are grateful that You have bound Yourself to us by a covenant. Teach us to desire what You have promised to give us in that covenant and to renounce all rivals to Your love. Protect us by Your grace so that none of us would turn away from receiving all that You would give. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***First Gospel Lesson:** Luke 5:1-11 (page 909)

***Second Gospel Lesson:** Mark 4:35-41 (page 886)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 19B (back of bulletin)

Sermon: "All About Love" – Part 7

Baptism of Amelia Grace Marconi

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** 118 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**