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*Reverend Johnson*

**OPENING SENTENCE**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our  
neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our  
transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Reverend Johnson*

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*Pastor Marschhausen*

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

*Leader and People*

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Pastor Marschhausen*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he

made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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### PSALM 25:1-8

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

6 **Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 **He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Reader from St. Mary's*

**FIRST LESSON EZEKIEL**  
18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the

righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People Thanks be to God**

**THE HYMN** *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

1. Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!" Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

2. Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

3. Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

*Reader from Concordia*

**THE EPISTLE PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and

became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Reader from St. Mary's*

**Canticle J A Song of Judith**

*Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \* for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, \* for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, \* no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \* rocks melt like wax at your presence. But to those who fear you, \* you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \* but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

*Deacon Fedorchak proclaims*

**THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:23-32**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the

baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them,

“Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus

said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him. The Gospel of our Savior. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE HOMILY**

Pastor Marschhausen

**THE HYMN** *My Song is Love Unknown*

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| <p>1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?</p> | <p>know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!</p>   | <p>4. We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.</p> | <p>stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.</p>  |
| <p>2. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior</p>  | <p>3. Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.</p> | <p>5. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a</p>  | <p>6. Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!</p> |

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Pastor Marschhausen*

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 again 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

## THE PRAYERS *Reverend Johnson*

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

*People:* **And listen to our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader from Concordia leads*

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions *especially religious communities*, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn us away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Reverend Johnson*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Pastor Marschhausen*

**PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD**

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

*Reverend Johnson*

**A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written "to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission" during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.*

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.  
*After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.*

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for *N.* and *N.*, and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead

them in holy service to each other and the world.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING PRAYER SHAWLS

*Reverend Johnson*

God of love and comfort we ask you to bless these shawls, those who have made them and those who will receive them. May they bring comfort and healing strength to those who receive them as signs of your presence in their lives and ours. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and

the Holy Spirit continues to love and sustain all of us in this life and the next. Amen.

May the power of the Holy Spirit live and breathe within each of us, through these shawls and the lives they will touch.  
*People:* **Cradle us in hope, grace us with peace, and wrap us in your love. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE BLESSING** *Pastor Marschhausen*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that you may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE HYMN**      *Thine the Amen*

<p>1. Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.</p>	<p>vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.</p>	<p>ringing and the singing then the end of all the war thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.</p>	<p>least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.</p>
<p>2. Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be thine the</p>	<p>3. Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be then the</p>	<p>4. Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the</p>	<p>5. Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.</p>

*Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly*

Leader:      Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

People:      Thanks be to God.

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## DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 3

### **Mon – Sept 28**

Judges 14:1-20

Philippians 1:3-14

Psalm 28

### **Tuesday Sept 29**

*Michael and All Angels*

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (20-21)

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

*Prayer of the Day*

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that

as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

### **Wed – Sept 30**

Judges 16:23-31

Matthew 9:2-8

Psalm 28

### **Thu – Oct 1**

Jeremiah 2:14-22

Colossians 2:16-23

Psalm 80:7-15

### **Fri – Oct 2**

Jeremiah 2:23-37

Philippians 2:14-18

Psalm 80:7-15

### **Sat – Oct 3**

Jeremiah 6:1-10

John 7:40-52

Psalm 80:7-15