



## **Pentecost Nineteen**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **WORSHIP THEME**

Whether we realize it or not, a spiritual battle is taking place around us and within us. Strong enemies seek to destroy faith and to lead us away from God. Followers of Christ arm themselves for battle. God provides us with the proper armor. He gives us his Word in the Bible and he promises to hear and answer prayer offered through faith in Jesus. When we use this God-provided armor, the old evil foe cannot win the battle. Clinging to Christ, we daily trust God's Word and go to him in prayer.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Preacher**

**Presiding Minister**

**Organist**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

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Amy Balza

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# SERVICE OF THE WORD

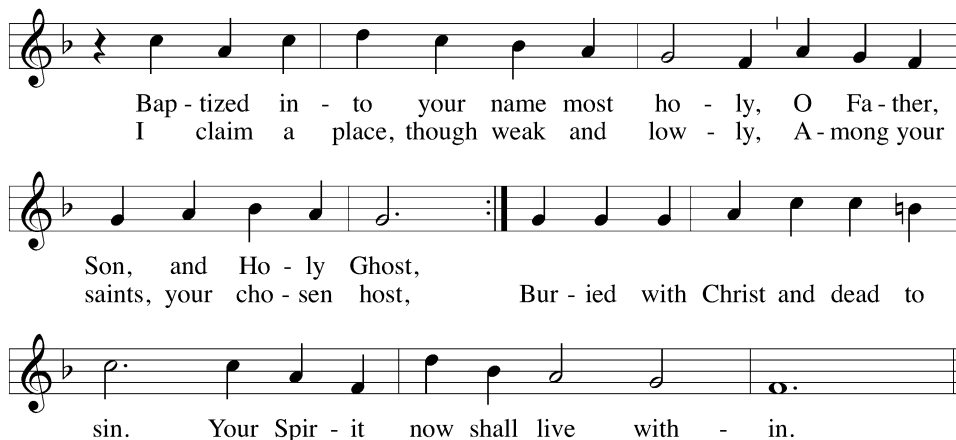
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## GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



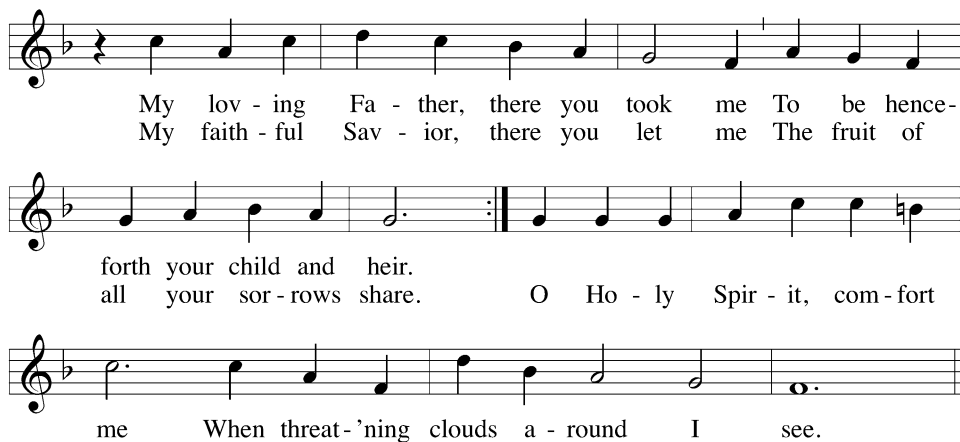
Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your  
Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence-  
 My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of  
 forth your child and heir.  
 all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
 me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
 Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and  
 sure - ly will en - dure.  
 deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
 filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.


M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## BAPTISMAL REAFFIRMATION

*10:30am, Cassidy Joy Lawler, Daughter of Jeffrey and Kathryn Lawler*



The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, which includes a repeat sign. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, which ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it  
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me  
all, O Lord, from me.  
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or  
own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

# THE WORD

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## FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 18:21-39

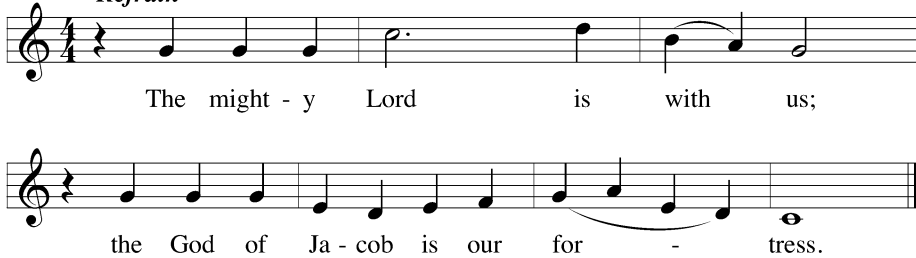
<sup>21</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "How long will you stagger around on two crutches? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him." But the people did not answer him a single word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, "I am the only one left of the LORD's prophets, but the prophets of Baal total four hundred fifty men. <sup>23</sup> Provide two bulls for us. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it up and place it on the firewood, but they are not to light the fire. I will prepare the other bull and place it on the firewood, but I will not light the fire. <sup>24</sup> Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire, he is God." All the people said, "This proposal is good." <sup>25</sup> Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and you go first because there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god. But do not light the fire." <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull which had been given to them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, "Baal! Answer us!" But there was not a sound. No one answered. So they staggered around the altar which they had made. <sup>27</sup> When noon came, Elijah mocked them: "Shout louder! He is a god, isn't he? He may be deep in thought or busy or on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and will wake up!" <sup>28</sup> So they cried out with a loud voice, and according to their practice they cut themselves with daggers and spears until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> After noon, they kept up a prophetic frenzy until the time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no sound. No one answered. There was no response. <sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." So they came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come and had proclaimed, "Your name shall be Israel." <sup>32</sup> He built the stones into an altar in the name of the LORD. Around it he made a trench big enough to hold about twenty-five pounds of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and placed it on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood." <sup>34</sup> Then he said, "Do it again." So they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time." So they did it a third time. <sup>35</sup> The water flowed all around the altar. It even filled the trench. <sup>36</sup> When the time of the evening sacrifice had arrived, Elijah the prophet stood up and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things by your word. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you are turning their hearts back to you." <sup>38</sup> Fire from the LORD fell on the sacrifice and on the wood, the stones, and the dirt. It even licked up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell on their knees and said, "The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!"

## PSALM OF THE DAY

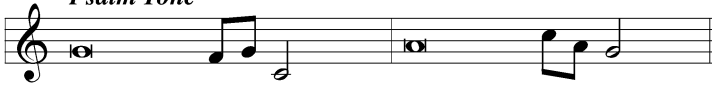
*Sung in unison*

*Psalms 46*

### *Refrain*



### *Psalms Tone*



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

### *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, <sup>15</sup> and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. <sup>16</sup> At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup> Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 31:1

*Spoken in unison*

**Alleluia. In you, LORD, I have taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me. Alleluia.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-27

<sup>14</sup> When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some experts in the law were arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people in the crowd saw Jesus, they were very excited and ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup> He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> One man from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. <sup>18</sup> Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." <sup>19</sup> "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied. "How long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> They brought the boy to Jesus. As soon as the spirit saw him, it threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening to him?" "From childhood," he said. <sup>22</sup> "It has often thrown him into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> "If you can?" Jesus said to him. "All things are possible for the one who believes." <sup>24</sup> The child's father immediately cried out and said with tears, "I do believe. Help me with my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean



spirit. "You mute and deaf spirit," he said, "I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!" <sup>26</sup> The spirit screamed, shook the boy violently, and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many of them said, "He's dead!" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up, and he stood up.

M: The Gospel of the Lord



*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink* | 405(1-6)

- 1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,
- 2 That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God,
- 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt,
- 4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile,  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile,
- 5 A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up the dying bed.
- 6 Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

## SERMON

*Please stand*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*The Offering Plate is available on the shelf as you leave. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we  
have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder.*

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

## *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | 411(1-3)

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

*Please stand*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be seated*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow | 587(3,4)*

3 Lord Jesus, since you love me, Oh, spread your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm.  
Though Satan would assail me, Your mercy will not fail me;  
I rest in your protecting arm.

4 My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely  
From peril guard your heads.  
Sweet slumbers may he send you And bid his hosts attend you  
And through the night watch o'er your beds.



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# Parents' Preview for September 19/22

## PURPOSE

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer are that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*Christian Worship 2021*



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all  
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his  
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no

mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call  
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his

make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss.  
out a-mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there  
death and res - ur-rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?

The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has  
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with

Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

## PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# News N Notes

**Flowers are given** to the glory of God by Joe and Barbara Januzzi in celebration of Barbara's birthday. Happy birthday Barbara!

**One of the things we have missed most during the pandemic** is being able to worship together. Psalm 26:8 says, "I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells." This is why we gather. There is just no replacement for it. Now it's time to celebrate! On Sunday, October 24, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God on a very special celebration Sunday, as we re-gather after time apart. Look for more details coming soon about celebration Sunday on our website [pilgrimcares.org](http://pilgrimcares.org). It will also be the perfect opportunity to reach out to others with a personal invitation to join us as we gather and praise God for all of his blessings!

**Bible Class starts this week!** Starting this week Pilgrim will again be offering Bible Class. The first topic that we will dig into is: Christian Vocation. We will look at all the areas of life where God has called us to serve. We will learn about all the roles God has given us in life and talk about ways we can better serve God and each other as parents and students and employees, etc. We encourage you to come and learn and grow in faith together!

**Sunday School begins this week!** Parents and children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in Church at 9:15am for a devotion. You will be introduced to the teachers and register for the year. The teachers will bring the students over to the school building and parents are encouraged to stay for Pastor's Bible Class at Church. The children will sing songs, and work on crafts and other activities. Parents should pick them up at 10:15am. Going forward, children can be dropped off on Sunday mornings at school.

**Back to School Carnival** Join us for carnival themed games, snacks, prizes and fun! Friday, September 24 from 6:00 – 8:30pm. Weather permitting the event will be held in the north school parking lot. Watch for further details!

**Women of Pilgrim** Join us for an evening of fellowship & fun! Our Kick-off gathering is Saturday, September 25, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, with a fun interactive game night of Bunko. (No previous experience required.) All ladies are invited, so bring a friend, too. There is no charge for this event. We will be having snacks, so bring along what you would like to drink. Please call or text if you would like to join in on this evening of fellowship and fun. Childcare will be provided free of charge for kids 3 and up. Contact Sally Ramthun if you are interested or have any questions. [sallyravon@gmail.com](mailto:sallyravon@gmail.com) or 262-343-0137 (mobile)

**Both Lutheran Girl and Boy Pioneers are back!!!** It's a time for 1st thru 8th graders to have fun while doing activities, learning skills, service projects, all while enjoying Christian fellowship. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month September through April from 6-7:30 pm. We will kick off our year with an Ice Cream Social along with registration on September 28th. Dues are \$25 (for girls) per year which are due on registration night. We are looking for helpers as well! If you have any questions please contact Sally Ramthun with either a call or text 262-343-0137.

**ATTENDANCE – DOES NOT INCLUDE ONLINE WORSHIPPERS**

9-5	67 + 91 = 158
9-8	35

<b>Ushers</b>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
9-12	Jim Brandt Noah Vanderhoof	Jim Prekop Dave Chmielewski
9-19	Matt Lawonn Micah Vanderhoof	Bryan Giesenschlag Carl Wolff

**Greeters**

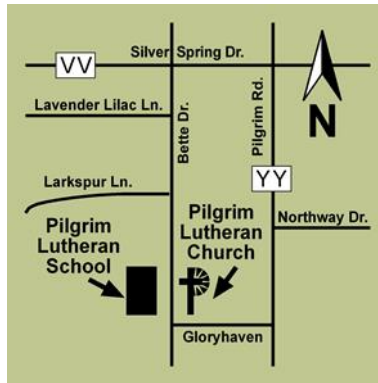
9-12	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Ben & Elaine Glatzel
9-19	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner



Thank you for visiting today! We would love to get to know you so we can better serve your spiritual needs. Please take a moment to fill out a short questionnaire about your visit by following this QR code. Thank you! We hope to see you again soon!

If you would like to speak with Pastor Vanderhoof; or our school Principal, Kevin Klug; their contact information is on the back of your worship folder.





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