

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God.

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Special thanks to Kim Yoak on the piano and Roger Lewis for conducting the Summer Choir.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Sunday, August 10, 2025

But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 3:20

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 10, 2025

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* - Dean

Call to Worship—

Come, people of God, to listen and receive the Word.

Our soil can be rocky, shallow, and good.

Still, the sower sows; let those with ears, hear!

We long to hear, to understand, and to bear fruit.

Opening Hymn 596**—*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Invocation (please be seated)—

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading - Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem—*If You Search With All Your Heart*

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples

Sermon—"Good Soil"

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 496**—*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory

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 the People/The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 580**—*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Benediction—*Shalom to You (Hymn 666)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - *I'll Fly Away*

**Please stand as you are able.