



## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

10:00AM

**Prelude** *Jesus Shall Reign*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn #370** *This Is My Father's World*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Call to Confession**

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked

the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God, speaking through the prophet Ezekiel tells us: “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

### **Passing of the Peace**

**Special Music** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Susan Croft, soloist*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Revelation 12:7-17**

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

<sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!”

<sup>13</sup> So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup> Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup> Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

### **Revelation 13:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived; <sup>15</sup> and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

**Sermon** *“Beast Mode” Rev. Alan Olson*

**Hymn #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Offering**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure.

Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!

Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us!

Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

#### Benediction

## Announcements

June		July	
	Member Giving		Member Giving
07-Jun	\$ 1,884	05-Jul	\$ 600
14-Jun	\$ 1,504	12-Jul	\$ 4,332
21-Jun	\$ 5,884	19-Jul	\$ 2,320
28-Jun	\$ 1,234	26-Jul	\$ 4,619
Total Member Giving	\$ 10,506	Total Member Giving	\$ 11,871
Budget	\$ 15,000	Budget	\$ 15,000