

## Pentecost 09

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### Celebrate (Introduction)

*“As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today’s gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God’s reign, the great surprise is that God’s grace finds us first!”*

**Opening Hymn:** [ELW 521 – O Day of Rest and Gladness](#)

### Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:** [ELW 870 – We Praise You, O God](#)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** [1 Kings 3:5-12](#)

**Psalmody:** 119:129-136

- <sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.
- <sup>130</sup>The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.
- <sup>131</sup>With open mouth I pant,  
because I long for your commandments.
- <sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom toward those who love your name.
- <sup>133</sup>Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
- <sup>134</sup>Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.
- <sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.
- <sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears  
because your law is not kept.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** [Romans 8:26-39](#)

**The Gospel:** [13:31-33, 44-52](#)

**Hymn:** [ELW 515 – Break Now the Bread of Life](#)

**The Message:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Sermon Supplemental Material: <https://gregfetzer.com>



**Offering\*:** [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### **The Prayer**

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, the Phil Gasior family, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;  
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters  
Live on knowing God's love,  
The joy of living this life of love,  
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.  
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW 542 – O Living Bred from Heaven](#)

**Announcements**

- **Sunday, 8/13/2023** – OUTDOOR WORSHIP
- **Sunday, 8/27/2023** – Debbie and Brad Bondhuis – Special Music
- **Sunday, 9/10/2023** – Start of the Narrative Lectionary
- **Sunday, 9/17/2023** – Epiphany Picnic ~ 12:30 pm (after Channing Worship)

\*Offering to be sent to  
Robert Brackbill  
10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane  
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9122 Sybert Drive  
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