



**He came to them,  
Walking  
On the sea**

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## **THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 AM

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**AS WE GATHER** Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, *"and with every living creature,"* that never again would there be *"a flood to destroy the earth"*. He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that *"the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh"*. Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God, who died and rose again for all people. The same Lord places His love, grace and forgiveness in the waters of Holy Baptism, where He *chooses us as His treasured possessions*, that we might be His and be blessed by Him now and forever! *"Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid"* for the Lord is with you, He has come to save you!

### **Dearest Jesus, We Are Here**

**LSB 592**

- 1. Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
Gladly Your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near  
In response to Your own saying  
That to You it shall be given  
As a child and heir of heaven.**
- 2. Your command is clear and plain,  
And we would obey it duly:  
"You must all be born again,  
Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit,  
And My kingdom thus inherit."**

3. **Therefore we have come to You,  
In our arms this infant bearing.  
Truly here Your grace we view;  
May this child, Your mercy sharing,  
In Your arms be shielded ever,  
Yours on earth and Yours forever.**
4. **Gracious Head, Your member own;  
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
Way of Life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever  
From Your side this branch forever.**
5. **Now into Your heart we pour  
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav'nward soar;  
May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given;  
Write it in the book of heaven!**

### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism -**

*for*

**Callen DeVere Tesch, son of Kyle and Nicole Tesch**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** *Callen DeVere Tesch*

**P** Callen, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Callen according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

*The pastor addresses the sponsors:*

**P** Is it your intention to serve name of candidate(s) as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Lord's Prayer

**G** **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 and ever. Amen.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and  
even † evermore.

**G** **Amen.**

**P** Callen, do you renounce the devil? **R** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works? **R** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways? **R** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** **Yes, I believe.**

**P** Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead? **R** **Yes, I  
believe.**

**P** Do you 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  
**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Callen, do you desire to be baptized?      **R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Callen, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.      **C** *Amen.*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\ddagger$  everlasting.      **C**      **Amen.**

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**A** Callen, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.      **C**  
**Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Callen the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your grace, You would keep them in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.      **C**      **Amen.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture [him/her] that [he/she] may attain to the full stature intended for [him/her] in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.      **C**      **Amen.**

**P** Peace  $\ddagger$  be with you.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Vacation Bible School Students sing – “Treasured Possession”**

**Stand - Confession and Absolution**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Sit - Old Testament Reading** Genesis 9:8-17

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

**Epistle** Ephesians 3:14-21

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

**Stand - Holy Gospel** Mark 6:45-56

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Song to the Tune: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)*

1. Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love which knows no limits,  
Grace which meets all human needs.
  
2. God has called you out of darkness  
Into his most marvellous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified;  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
  
3. Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heaven above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.
  
4. Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service  
Sing His praise, His love declare.



**Sermon - "You Are A Treasure in the Eyes of God" Matthew 13:44**

**Offertory: Vacation Bible School Students – "Sing Wherever I Go"**

**Prayers of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

**C** **Amen.**

**Morning Prayer**

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Sit* – **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**LSB 922**

**1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.**

**In My love's baptismal river,**

**I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing - you are My own.**

**2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,**

**What I can cure.**

**Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory,  
Go My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

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*Attendance last Sunday:  
Officiant: Rev. Wayne Schwanke  
Organist: Ila Robbert  
Flutist: Andrea Muench  
Elder: Ben Berg  
Ushers:  
Altar Guild: Karen Tesch*

**WE REJOICE with Kyle and Nikki Tesch at the baptism of their son, Callen.** Praise God that another name has been written in His Book of Life!

**THANK YOU! You Are Treasured! That was the theme of our Vacation Bible School this past week. More than 20 students attended to learn that God knows, hears, comforts, forgives, and chooses them. They Are Treasured! Thank you to everyone who made VBS a blessing ... to those who worked diligently to plan for the week; to our teachers, station leaders, game leaders, kitchen volunteers, parents who stayed to help; and to *everyone* joining us for the potluck after today's service ... Thank You! You Are Treasured!**

**THANK YOU** to flutist Andrea Muench, for enhancing our worship with her musical talent!

**WORSHIP TODAY** will be at Christ Lutheran, West Bloomfield. In celebration of the week of VBS, **a potluck dinner will follow worship.** Everyone is encouraged to bring a generous dish to pass and stay for

good food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY** will be at Christ Lutheran, West Bloomfield.

**THANK-YOU:** Christ Lutheran Church and School thank everyone who helped, supported, and participated in the recent tractor-truck pull. Funds raised are used in support of the school.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN MEMBERS:** THE BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for 2 additional board members to help Bobbie Leiskau and Colleen Boelter this coming school year. If you are interested, please speak with Bobbie Leiskau.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY** is Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00-6:00pm! If you are interested in coming to Christ Lutheran School and would like a walk through or need more information please call the secretary at 920-867-3263 to make an appointment.

**THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FARMERS STAND IS UP AND RUNNING!**

**OUR CALL:** We keep Pastor Pater in our prayers as he continues to consider our Call to him to serve as pastor. He has indicated that he will reach a decision during the week of Sunday, July 25, 2021.

**CLC Budget Update:**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 16,598	\$ 97,086
Expenses:	<u>\$ 11,346</u>	<u>\$ 86,700</u>
Over/(under):	\$ 5,252	\$ 10,386

Operating Loan: \$ 19,995

Active Savings Funds:

Narthex Roof:	\$ 8,100
Air Conditioning:	\$ 4,005
Pew Cushions:	\$ 400
Tuckpointing:	\$ 2,261
School Use:	\$ 2,537

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Birthdays:** Michael Niemuth, Laura Engel, Timothy Elendt, Muriel Guy, Diane Rodencal, Torre Beza, Brielle Berg, Kabella Robbert, Marlyn Pufahl, JoAnn Robbert, Skylar Avila, Addison Timm **Anniversaries:** David & Karen Hanson, Phillip & Donna Lind, Mike & Stacy Boettcher, Darrell & Kim Doss **In the Military:** Kolden Baehman, Josie Izzo, Riannon Elendt, Timothy Elendt **For comfort, peace & hope:** Family & friends of Eugene Sattler family. **Members and friends with ongoing health issues**—For healing & strength: **Karen Bell** (*Gary Mitchell's sister*) recovering from cancer surgery, **Melvin Tesch, Fred Monroe** (*Rene Dorsett's father*), **Raymond Pagel, Paul Nickolai**; thanksgiving for successful cancer surgery and continued healing: **Jim Kobiske**; healing as he battles cancer: **Judy Ogden** (*Jane Engel's sister*); **Patti Boelter** (*strength and healing with cancer*), **John Knoch** (*Schwanke family friend*), **Danielle** (*friend of Rene Dorsett*), **Tim Rohan** (*Sonny Bauer's son-in-law*), **Michael Felske** (*Carrie Ann Rohm's father*); **Those unable to attend worship:** **Mark Engel, Muriel Guy, Sally Leavitt, Irene Lippert, Nancy Miracle, Esther Nehring, Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Marlin & Carol Hudziak, Joan & Delmar Behm, Connie Hoffman, Doris Behm** **OUR BROTHER IN THE FAITH** Eugene Sattler, went to be with our Lord last Sunday. Gene was baptized and confirmed at Emmaus, and later transferred back after "retirement," where he faithfully served as our organist for many years. We keep his wife Doris, family, and many friends in our prayers. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Ps. 116:15

## MISSION and MINISTRY opportunities – Week of July 25, 2021

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Baptism @ CLC</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Potluck dinner @ CLC</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>CLC secretary in office</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>CLC secretary in Office</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Lawn cutting @ CLC</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>ELC Secretary in church office (mid-day)</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/HC @ CLC</b>