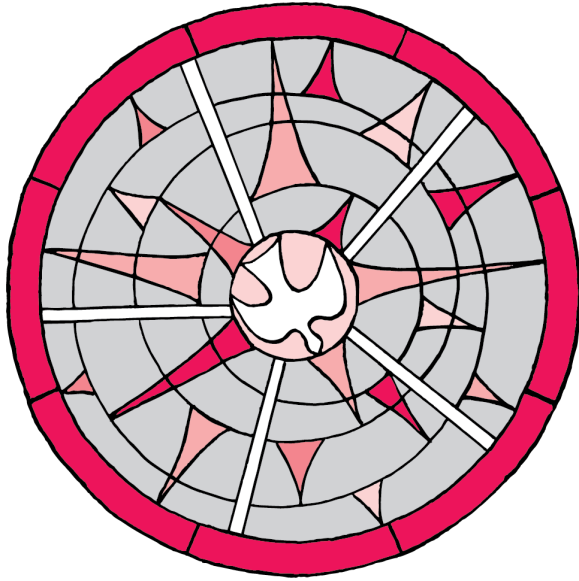




# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: Romanze in A Minor, WoO 28

Clara Schumann

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Liturgist: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**All: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

*Psalm 105:1-5*

\* **All Singing: "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

**Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing  
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword  
Our prayer attend, come and Thy people bless, and give Thy word  
success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend, O we sing — Chorus**

All glory be to the Father  
All glory be to the Son  
All glory be to the Spirit  
The blessed Three in One

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour, Thou who Almighty art, now rule in every heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r — *Chorus*

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
Hence evermore, Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see  
And to eternity, love and adore — *Chorus*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** "Behold Bless the Lord"

*Psalm 134*

Behold bless the Lord, all children of the Lord,  
Who stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up (lift up) your hands (your hands)  
In the sanctuary (in the sanctuary), and bless the Lord

May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
He who made heaven and earth.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: He is the Lord our God;  
**All:** his judgments are in all the earth.

Liturgist: He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
**All:** the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

*Psalm 105:5-10 adapted*

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

Liturgist: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**All:** We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Liturgist: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**All:** What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Liturgist: He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It

is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.  
**All:** **Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

Liturgist: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
*Romans 8:26-39*

\* **All Singing:** **443 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”**  
*Soloist singing verses 1 & 2, all singing refrain and verses 3 & 4*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** **God, our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and lead us into your truth for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: A Seed of *Hesed*

\* **All Singing:** **899 “Seek Ye First”**

## Dedication

TESTIMONY

Liturgist: At peace with God and standing in grace, we join our sister in bearing witness to God's *hesed*.

**All:** **Thanks be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Calvin University

OFFERTORY “Jesus Loves Me/My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Wayne Oquin

\* **All Singing:** **959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing:** **938 “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Worship Leaders**

Organist / Pianist:  
Vocalists:

Anne Triezenberg-Sims  
Marjie Coleman  
Helen Van Wyck  
Dave DeWit  
Clay Carlson  
Roger Nelson

Acolyte:  
Liturgist:  
Prayer:

Nolan Drenth  
Violet Brumirski  
Clay Carlson

Guitar:

Percussion:

Minister:

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