

**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 7, 2022**  
**YEAR C**  
***HOLY EUCHARIST***

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY***

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***THE LESSONS***

*The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 33:12-22*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

*The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:32-40*

*All stand, as they are able.*

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of our Savior.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### *TODAY'S MUSIC*

Opening Hymn No. 401  
Gospel Hymn No. 393  
Offertory Hymn No. 623  
Communion Hymn No. 325  
Closing Hymn No. 68

*Leoni  
Maos Zur  
O quanto qualia  
Let Us Break Bread  
Llangloffan*

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### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Flowers are given** by in honor of “Our beautiful cousin Noreen Hart Sidnam who is celebrating her 80th birthday,” by Noreen’s cousins Peggy, Connie & Bob, and Tom & Barb.

**We welcome** Rev. Rick Stravers back to St. Thomas!

**We welcome** Frank Zajac to the organ this morning!

**Fr. Brian and Dr. Steve** are with the choir in England through August 8th.

**Altar Flower** donations are always needed. Please, consider remembering someone dear with a donation for the beautiful flowers that grace our church on Sundays. Be sure to check the list in the hallway before filling out an envelope. The cost for a donation is \$50.00.

**The Vestry** will meet on August 18 at 6 p.m. in the lounge.

**Stuff-A-Bus** Campaign has started, and a bin is available in the office for school supplies. The bin has a list of needed items for school children.

**The Audio-Visual Tech Team** welcomes new team members! Come be part of this fun, behind-the-scenes ministry to help get St. Thomas's message out to the world. Training is provided! Please contact Alexis Stark with questions: [stark.alexis@gmail.com](mailto:stark.alexis@gmail.com)

**The CROP Walk** will take place on September 27th. Anyone interested can contact Kathy Baker at (269)964-6642 or [kathyb8920@netzero.net](mailto:kathyb8920@netzero.net).

**St. Mary's Circle** continues to collect donations for Keegan Gregory, who is undergoing long-term treatment for severe trauma after a prolonged encounter with the Oxford High School shooter, resulting in the execution of a fellow student. Keegan is the grandson of Jack and Linda Gregory, longtime members of St. Thomas, who are now based in Oregon. Please give your donations to Karen Keese.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers** are needed for the summer. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

**For a listing of the coming week's activities see the yellow sheet in the hallway or check out our website at: [www.StThomasBC.org](http://www.StThomasBC.org).**

***SERVING THIS WEEK:***

10:00 a.m.

Presider:	The Rev. Rick Stravers
Deacon:	The Rev. Trish Harris
Sub-Deacon:	Karmel Addis
Lector:	Becky Squires
Intercessor:	Keith Phillips
Crucifer:	Jodi Nickerson
Chalice:	Trish Harris & Kyle Lendel
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts, Heather Wiley & Mira Wuerges
Ushers:	Roy Hillman & Ross Dingwall
Greeter:	Diane Norman
A/V Technician:	Franz Schirk
Vestry Liaison:	Sue Shafe