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Pentecost 9

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD...

Today's Focus: *The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus*

Pre-service meditation: "Narrow Road"

(Words on cover of bulletin)

OPENING HYMN 36 *(Red Hymnal)*

Now Thank We All Our God

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *(on back)* The Old Testament Lesson presents God calling the under-shepherds of His flock to account for their failure to care for His sheep. He will replace them with good shepherds who will care for them. Messiah Himself will come as the Good Shepherd and rule over His people.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 51:1-12

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Congregation: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

C: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

C: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

C: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence

C: Or take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

C: And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Amen.



Ephesians 2:13-22 *(on back)* The Epistle points to our Savior uniting His followers to Himself through His redemption. In Him, we are vital parts of His Church, founded on the Scriptures.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

VBS KIDS (Pre K- 3rd Grade) HYMN 709 *(Tan Worship Supplement)*

God Loves Me Dearly

SERMON – NIV Matthew 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man



does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

THEME – GOD'S WORD DEFINES YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE!

1. Your PURPOSE is NOT to satisfy your own selfish desires...
2. Your PURPOSE is to learn about and serve the One true God!

VBS KIDS (ALL) HYMN 769 *(Tan Worship Supplement)*

Lift High the Cross

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 *(Red Hymnal)*

Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;

Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.

GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 800 *(Tan Worship Supplement)*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Church picnic following the service at De Anza Park. All are welcome for food, friends, and fun!

-CAMPING THIS WEEK! August 4th and 5th at Pinecrest Lake up near Sacramento. Come if you are able!



-CALL NEWS: Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called the Rev. Wayne Eichstadt, co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, as its second pastor.