

**Lector - Prior to the service please check the service bulletin to confirm the readings and to determine if both the Old Testament lesson and the New Testament lesson will be read. Please ask the celebrant if you have any questions concerning the reading. Thank you.**

9:00 am Church; 5:30 pm SMC

**July 21, 2024**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

*[Ephesians 2:11-22]*

**Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**Sunday 9 am Church**

The Psalm is chanted by the choir. Please step from the lectern and wait to the side by the seated priest during the psalm and then return to the lectern for the reading of the Epistle.

**Sunday 5:30 pm SMC**

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

*The portion of the Psalter appointed for today is **Psalm 23***

*Let us read aloud and together:*

*[Psalm 23]*

**The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul \***

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \***

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**