

# + The Holy Communion +

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

**Taking the five loaves  
and the two fish,  
he looked up  
to heaven,  
and blessed and  
broke the loaves,  
and gave them to  
the disciples,  
and the disciples  
gave them to the crowds.**

Matthew 14.19



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### **Mission Statement**

Deepen relationships with our neighbors  
so we can grow in Christ together.

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*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

*The Color for the Sunday's after Pentecost is green which, represents growth.*

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Please stand as you are able*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

**Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**GATHERING Hymn** “*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*” ELW #461 vs. 1 & 3



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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*Please stand.*

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## Word

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### First Reading a reading from **Isaiah 55:1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21** (read responsively)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
The Lord is good to all,  
**and his compassion is over all that he has made.**  
The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**  
The eyes of all look to you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**  
You open your hand,  
**satisfying the desire of every living thing.**  
The Lord is just in all his ways,  
**and kind in all his doings.**  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
**to all who call on him in truth.**  
He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
**he also hears their cry, and saves them.**  
The Lord watches over all who love him,  
**but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
**and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

Second Reading a reading from **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**  
**Lord to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel    Matthew 14:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to

eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*You may be seated*

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479 vs. 1&3

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,  
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay  
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*Please stand.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind; especially those we name before you, either silently or aloud. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **Sending**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

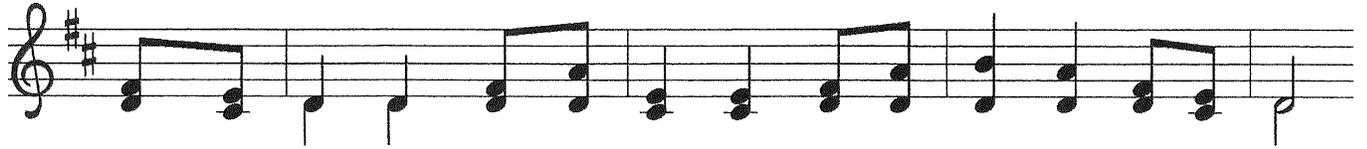
## **Blessing**

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. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen**

*You may be seated.*

## Sending Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW #843 vs. 1 & 3



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;

3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.

Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,

Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.

Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

*Please stand.*

## MEAL

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### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on Earth and the Hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

*the minister addresses the assembly*

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

**Receive nourishment for the journey.**

*You may be seated.*

## **Communion**

*Our Lord's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine to forgive and strengthen us.*

***We practice open communion:** all Baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us.*

***White grape juice** is available at communion for those who prefer it. It is located in the center ring of each tray of glasses. **Gluten free wafers** are available. Please indicate to the pastor during distribution if you would rather have gluten free wafers. You may remain at the altar rail for as long as you need and the ushers will fill in around you. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament, a simple prayer such as this or another appropriate prayer may be said "May the Blood of Christ bring me everlasting life."*

## **Communion Hymn**

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Prayer**

**Let us pray.** *(silence for reflection and meditation)*

God of the welcome table, **in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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