

August 2, 2020 • 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

All who hunger gather gladly  
Holy manna is our bread  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring  
Here in truth we will be fed  
You that yearn for days of fullness  
All around us is our food  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good

All who hunger never strangers  
Seeker be a welcome guest  
Come from restlessness and roaming  
Here in joy we keep the feast  
We that once were lost and scattered  
In communion's love have stood  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good

All who hunger sing together  
Jesus Christ is living bread  
Come from loneliness and longing  
Here in peace we have been fed  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their days in gratitude  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good

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## **GREETING**

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### A READING FROM ISAIAH 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>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.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### A READING FROM ROMANS 9:1-5

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **A READING FROM MATTHEW 14:13-21**

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Josh Brecht**

The church of Christ in ev'ry age  
Beset by change but Spirit-led  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead

Across the world across the street  
The victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat  
And never live before they die

Then let the servant church arise  
A caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice  
And clothed in Christ's humanity

For he alone whose blood was shed  
Can cure the fever in our blood  
And teach us how to share our bread  
And feed the starving multitude

We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord  
To care for all without reserve  
And spread his liberating word

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## 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

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

P: Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous support to our ministry during this time.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners  
Turning blindness into sight  
Praise the One who preached the gospel  
Healing ev'ry dread disease  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace

Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With a piercing two-edged sword  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand  
From this well comes living water  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land

Praise the one true love incarnate  
Christ who suffered in our place  
Jesus died and rose for many  
That we may know God by grace  
Let us sing for joy and gladness  
Seeing what our God has done  
Praise the one redeeming glory  
Praise the One who makes us one

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#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### SENDING MUSIC

**Vocal Leader:** *Jamie De Geer and Glenn Kraft*

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