

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Service Book: Service of Prayer and Preaching



ST. JOHN'S  
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## Prayer of Preparation

*O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in your sight, my Rock and my Redeemer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



## Pre-Service Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (setting by Rachel Chaplin Soul)  
"Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (setting by Mark Knickelbein)

## Ringling of the Bells and Welcome

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Opening Versicles

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** *Psalm 113:3*
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.** *Psalm 84:10*
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** **Teach me Your paths.** *Psalm 25:4*
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** **Your Word is truth.** *John 17:17*
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** *Psalm 113:3*
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

*Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

<sup>1</sup>"Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has 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 diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.**

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

- L** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- C** **Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- L** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- L** to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- L** to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- L** the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- L** and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**
- L** Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**C** **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1-5

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>that 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 brothers, my kinsmen 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 their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here 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, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Responsory

℣ Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

☩ **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

℣ Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

☩ **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

℣ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

☩ **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

## Sermon

"You Give Them Something to Eat"

## Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. 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.**

## **Announcements**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Morning Prayer**

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- C** **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.**

### **Blessing**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **Postlude**

“CWM Rhonda” (setting by James Marriott)

*Please wait in your pew so that Ushers may dismiss the congregation to help keep the Narthex from becoming congested. Please take your worship bulletin with you and recycle it at home. Offerings may be left in the basket as you leave the Sanctuary.*

*Those desiring to receive Holy Communion are invited to be seated in their pews for an abbreviated Service of the Sacrament immediately following this Service of Prayer and Preaching.*



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