

AUGUST 2, 2020 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

P We gather as God's children, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Reform the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully love you and truly reflect your compassion for our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in prisoners to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven.

C Amen

Opening Hymn: **Let Us Go Now to the Banquet**

(RED ELW HYMN #523, NOT IN GREEN BOOK)

Refrain: Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 1: I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and family.

Refrain

Verse 2: God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.

Refrain

Verse 3: May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share everything we have.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day:

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

🙏 **Amen.**

Scripture Text: 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.

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

📖 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 fulfills 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 forever.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, 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." 18 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

(RED ELW HYMN #461, NOT IN GREEN LBW)

Verse 1: All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. 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.

Verse 2: All who hunger, never strangers; seek, 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.

Verse 3: 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes: God of love, and the response is Hear our prayer)

P God of love,

C Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION and Distribution

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Participation and Post Communion Prayer

Interim Prayer

P Loving God, you seek only the best for your children. Send now your Holy Spirit to empower and guide the church council and MSP team as together we seek your next pastor for Fish Lake. Help the council select the right members for the call committee. The future is foggy and unclear; teach us to trust that your hand is guiding us and your strength will uphold us. In Jesus name we pray.

C Amen

Closing hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

(RED ELW HYMN #547, GREEN LBW HYMN #221)

VERSE 1: Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

VERSE 2: With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's Children, that whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

BENEDICTION:

☞ The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen**

DISMISSAL:

☞ Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

NEXT WORSHIP: SUNDAY, August 9TH DRIVE-IN WORSHIP/MAY SIT IN FRONT OF VEHICLES