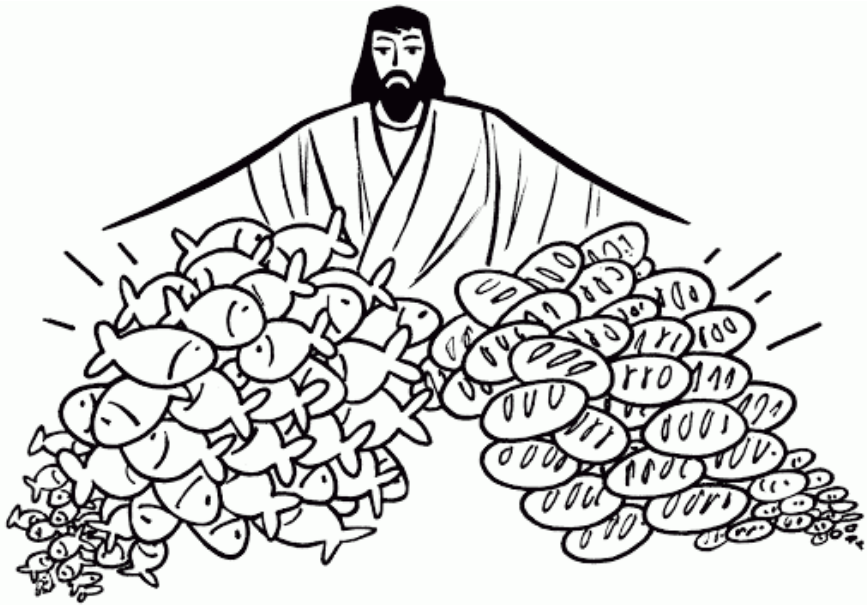


SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God Provides



Christ Lutheran Church
North St. Paul & Hugo, Minnesota
August 16, 2020

About the season... The Season of Pentecost - these Sundays after Pentecost Sunday - celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit as he brings to completion the work begun in us. As believers travel along with Jesus and the disciples through the Palestinian countryside, we look for the inner-working of the Spirit, longing for the passing of the old and the fullness of the new. These weeks lead up to the Season of End Times, looking ahead to the fulfillment of all that our Lord has promised. Just as Jesus traveled with his disciples toward the Holy City, we travel with them through this life to the New Jerusalem.

About the day... The Christian trusts God to provide. The Prayer of the Day summarizes the Sunday: God reveals his mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. God feeds hungry mouths and hungry souls with his gifts of grace. When we bring our problems to Jesus, he will richly supply all we need.

God bless your worship!

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Lord of My Life Whose Tender Care
CW #232



1 Lord of my life, whose ten - der care Has led me
2 Oh, may I dai - ly, hour - ly, strive In heav'n - ly
3 To you my hum - ble praise I bring For mer - cies



on till now, Here low - ly, at the hour of prayer, Be -
grace to grow, To you and to your glo - ry live, Dead
day by day. Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord,



fore your throne I bow. I bless your gra - cious
to all else be - low! Tread in the path my
teach me how to pray. All that I have and



hand and pray For - give - ness for an - oth - er day.
Sav - ior trod, Though thorn - y, yet the path of God.
e'er can do I'll use to serve and hon - or you.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

God calls all people to come to the free feast of salvation he has prepared and to stop wasting money and effort on things that do not and cannot satisfy the soul.

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:35-39

Paul lists many dangers that threaten us as God's chosen children, but none of them are able to separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14: 23

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus miraculously feeds a crowd of thousands on a boy's lunch, demonstrating that he cares for our bodily as well as our spiritual needs.

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY

Day By Day
CWS #765



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

MESSAGE Matthew 14:13-21.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

OFFERING

The Offering will be received in back as you leave

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Congregation: **Bold print**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings. *Silent prayer.*

Special prayers may be included here

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise. **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.**

The Sacrament

We are a “sacramental” church. We believe that in Baptism and the Lord’s Supper God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus’ body and blood are present in the sacrament and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don’t want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss with you the Christian faith.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.



Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Take and Eat
CWS # 741

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y
giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

Verses

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;
I am the seed that died to be re - born;
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day.
A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest.
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song. *To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy
CW #616

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort
sin - ners poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from
heav - en, Bless the food you here have giv - en.
As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish, May our souls
in gra - ces flour - ish Till with saints in heav'n - ly
splen - dor At your feast due thanks we ren - der.

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

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