

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Service

August 2, 2020

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### GATHERING

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Ringing of the Bell*

*(Please Stand)*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed by the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*(Silence)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive 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.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



*(Please rise for the Gospel.)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 14: 13—21

Pg. 1520

*(After the announcement of the Gospel, we sing.)*

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*(After the reading of the Gospel, we sing.)*

Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

*(Please Stand)*

Hymn # 712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift which You impart.
2. Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By Your Spirit send Your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

**All: 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.**

*The Prayers*

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you!**

L: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*Offering*

*Offering Hymn # 515*

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:  
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:  
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.
2. Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All—in—All!
3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;  
your holy word is truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

L: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

*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**

**SENDING**

*Blessing*



*Hymn # 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace
2. 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 every land.
3. 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.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*