



## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 2, 2020

Online Service

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches

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*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the communion table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

#### Welcome and announcements

**Opening Hymn:** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW #461

#### Opening Prayer:

P: As the crowds followed Jesus, eager to be filled with hope, we come this day, seeking nourishment for our souls. We hunger and thirst for the word of hope and truth, but our lives are battered by anger and hostility. Our hearts are filled with concerns for family and friends, for our country and our world. We don't see how we can be of help to others. Sit us down, as Jesus seated the multitude. Calm us down, as Jesus reassured the disciples that all would receive care. Lift us up, as Jesus encouraged others to reach out in compassion. Give us hearts of confident faith in your presence, O Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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.**

### **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**

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

### **Lesson: 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.*

### **Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

L: <sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: <sup>9</sup>Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

L: <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**C: <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

L: <sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**C: <sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

L: <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**C: <sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

L: <sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**C: <sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

### **Lesson: 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.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

*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.*

P: The gospel of our Lord.

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

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day:** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW #712

## 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 of Intercession

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

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 The Peace

P: The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering

### Offering Prayer

P: Receive these gifts we offer, gracious God, and multiply them to meet the needs in your world.

**C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do. Go in love, offering healing and hope to others. Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW #674

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