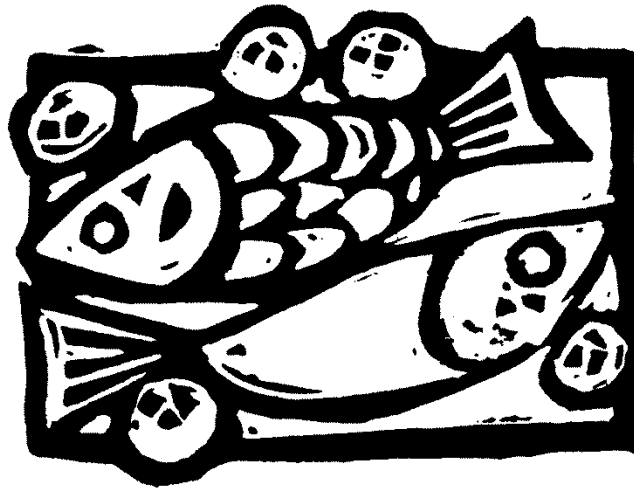


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**and every
one ate
until full**

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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 eucharistic 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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

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

Reconciling God,
**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.**

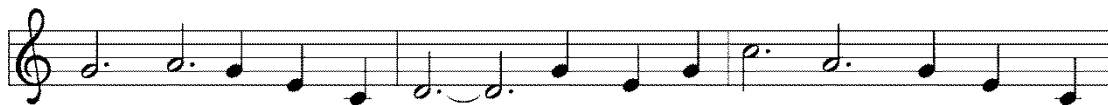
Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Praise and Thanksgiving* (ELW 689) Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

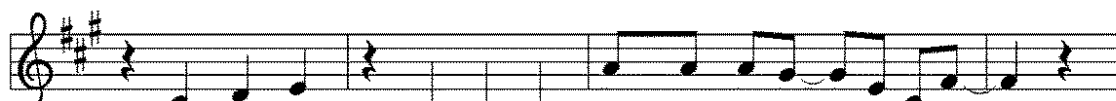
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.




My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



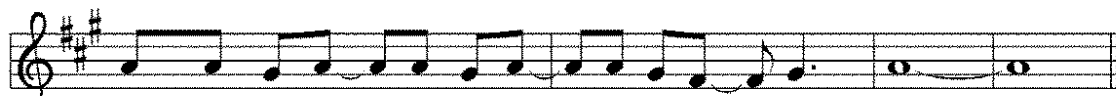
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: 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.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, 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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

(Read responsively between men and women, beginning with the men.)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

SECOND READING: 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.

A reading from Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Please respond.)*

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Stewardship Thought – August 2, 2020 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13)

When [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. - –Matthew 14:14

Compassion and mercy. Wherever he goes, Jesus shows compassion and mercy, especially for the most vulnerable. As we steward our congregation into the future, how can compassion and mercy be a guiding principle for us and our church to help connect with our community and neighbors?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God to celebrate 45 years of marriage on this date, August 2, 1975 given by Bill and Linda Wepking.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Prayer requests for the following persons: *Mike Schultz, Paul Skelly, Esther Schultz, Sylvia Wenger, Lois Horst, Barbara Beckner, Jack White, Jack Hess, Jeffrey Wenger, LaRue McKenzie, Kristy Nienstedt, Jay Hunter, Norma Monn, Bill Chiado, Connie Bikle, Carla Wenger, Patsy Wagner, Anne English, Bill Sellers, Millie Kulkusky, Curt Shreiner, Susie Faust, Genny Grant, Karen Sanders, Jackson, Bonnie Hudson.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

Guidelines for a safe Indoor Worship Service:

- **Face masks are required** (except for young children and those in medical need).
- Use the front entrance to the sanctuary for entrance and exit unless you need the ramp.
- Please maintain 6-foot distancing when entering or exiting and while seated.
- Ushers will direct you to seats where bulletins will be placed. Families can sit together but there will be social distance seating.

- Please place your offering in the collection plate located at the church entrance.
- Do not touch the hymnals or Bibles in the pew racks—everything is in the bulletin.
- We ask that you take your bulletin home with you each week.
- Singing poses a danger of viral transmission so sing softly or hum to the music.
- Please; no touching or shaking hands during the passing of the peace.
- Do not linger in the sanctuary. Socializing is encouraged outside after worship with social distancing.
- The Fellowship Center restrooms will be open for your use on Sunday mornings.

The decision to attend worship is up to each family. If you are feeling ill, experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19 or have a fever over 100.4, please stay home. If you have underlying health concerns or are at high-risk for infection, we encourage you to wait before returning to worship. We will continue providing a home worship service and a video service that can be streamed on YouTube for the foreseeable future.

Food, soda and help is needed for the food stands at a sale on Tuesday, August 11 in Marion and on Saturday, August 15 close to Greencastle. The profit from the sales will go towards fulfilling our commitment to Luther Ridge Skilled Nursing Care Facility – *Completing Our Family of Services Campaign*. Please call Frances Reichard for more information and to sign up to donate food, soda or help. Her home number is: 717-263-1705 or cell number: 717-360-5243.

Do you knit or crochet? **Social Ministry is in need of prayer shawls.** Our supply is exhausted. No specific pattern is required, but available if needed. Social Ministry is willing to reimburse you for the cost of the yarn. Please call or email Edna if you are able to help at 717-352-4392 or bernedna@centurylink.net

There will a **Chicken Bar-B-Q Benefit on Sunday, August 16th** at the New Franklin Fire Company to help with medical expenses for Todd Glass. Donation: \$12 per meal. Meal includes ½ Bar-B-Q chicken, baked potato, baked beans, applesauce and roll. **Take out dinners only! Tickets are being sold, but walk-ins are welcome until sold out!** You can purchase your ticket ahead of time from Carla Wenger – 717-377-6591, any fire company member or by calling the station at 717-263-3333.

The Christian Education Committee has decided to cancel all Rally Day events and the Youth Fall Fun Night given the current situation with COVID-a9. Sunday School will not resume until we return to full worship attendance.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to Sally by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes are available in the library for anyone to read.

Attendance last Sunday....19

AUGUST 2, 2020
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God's generosity is like no other.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God's choice of Israel
Wednesday	Genesis 32:22-31	Jacob wrestles at Peniel
Thursday	Psalms 17:1-7, 15	Prayer for deliverance
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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. **Isaiah 55:1 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for inviting us to the banquet feast that has no end and is filled with joy and life in your presence through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, 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. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundance fill you with joy and peace in believing.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group or use for personal reflections:

- What is a dream you have for your future?
- Tell or think about a time you had a dream that came true.
- How do your dreams reflect your faith in Christ?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 55:1-5.

Feasting is a biblical image of God's providence and grace. In Matthew 14 we have Jesus feeding the masses, not just five thousand people, but five thousand men plus the women and children. It comes right after the beheading of John the Baptist at another feast, the banquet of King Herod. Just as Jesus' banquet is a far cry from other earthly feasts, so is God's invitation to eat and drink without payment unique to other economies we experience. Isaiah 55 includes a challenge to all who want glory and feasting: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" (55:2). Isaiah gets to the heart of the problem of life: pursuing that which is not important, not essential. And now, ever since Jesus fed the masses, God has reached out to all people with the promise of true joy envisioned in a banquet feast that never ends. What is it that you want to pursue in life? Does your pursuit reflect the faith and joy of being invited to God's banquet? Why or why not?

***Pray:* God of abundant joy, help us to remember and believe that your kingdom gives us a joy like no other through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

The crowds followed Jesus. Jesus "had compassion for them and cured their sick" (Matthew 14:14b). There are many organizations that are treating and researching cures for diseases. Think or talk about ways to support or donate to an organization that is doing this work.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God's love and care for people is shown in the Bible with stories of meals and feasts. Invite friends or someone you may not know very well for a meal in your home. Begin the meal with a prayer and engage in caring conversations as you enjoy the meal together. After guests leave, take time to think about what you enjoyed the most as you prepared and hosted the meal. End your day with this or a similar prayer: Lord, help me to find joy in your abundant care for us. Amen.