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**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, August 2, 2020
We Are Fed by the Word of God**

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: 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. **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 and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: This is the day the Lord has made. **C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

HYMN: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" LBW 242

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**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise him, our almighty King!"
Praise him, angel hosts above, Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice.
Warriors fighting for the Lord, Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong Add their voices to the song.
Kings of knowledge and of law, To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait, Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem loud and bold,
And let children's happy hearts In this worship take their parts;
From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!"**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5, *Eat and drink what truly satisfies*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has 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 diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:1-13, *The glory of God’s people in Israel*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I 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 brothers, my kinsmen 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 their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21, *Jesus feeds 5,000*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

HYMN: “Break Now the Bread of Life” LBW 235

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**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.**

**Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you blest the bread By Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All in All!**

**You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your holy Word the truth That rescues me.
Give me to eat and live With you above; Teach me to love your truth, For you are love.**

**Oh, send your Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, That he may touch my eyes And make me see.
Show me the truth concealed Within your Word, And in your book revealed I see my Lord.**

PRAYERS

Prayers and intercessions are said by the pastor. In concluding the prayers the pastor says:

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen**

DISMISSAL HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving” LBW 409

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve you, That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with you, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.**

**Father, providing Food for your children, By your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know your care.**

**Then will your blessing Reach ev’ry people, Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey you, No one will hunger; In your love’s sway you Nourish the land.**

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