

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1 & 2, 2020



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AS WE GATHER

Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "I'll Walk With God" (N. Brodsky)

818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS

- 1 In Thee is gladness
 Amid all sadness,
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By Thee are given
 The gifts of heaven,
 Thou the true Redeemer art.
 Our souls Thou wakest,
 Our bonds Thou breakest;
 Who trusts Thee surely
 Has built securely;
 He stands forever: Alleluia!
 Our hearts are pining
 To see Thy shining,
 Dying or living
 To Thee are cleaving;
 Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Since He is ours,
 We fear no powers,
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses
 In worst distresses;
 He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story
 Tell of His glory
 With hearts and voices;
 All heav'n rejoices
 In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness,
 Triumph o'er sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him
 And still shall raise Him
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness! *Lamentations 3:22-23*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** The Lord remembered us in our low estate,

C **His steadfast love endures forever;**

- P** He rescued us from our foes,

C **His steadfast love endures forever;**

- P** He gives food to all flesh,

C **His steadfast love endures forever;**

- P** give thanks to the God of heaven,

C **His steadfast love endures forever.**

- P** May the God who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1–13

¹I 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 Rebecca 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 his call—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

684 COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY

- 1 “Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’ers,
And I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.
- 3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.
- 4 “And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

SERMON “Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!” Isaiah 55:1-5

CREED Saturday – Nicene Creed Sunday – Apostles’ Creed (*Creeds can be found on the screens.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

G Amen.

Sunday service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain**

Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty God, in our want we cry to You and You answer us with the food of Your mercy and grace in Christ, our Savior. Keep us from being satisfied by things that have no power to forgive our sins or lead us to everlasting life. Lead us to trust in You, for Your grace will not disappoint us, and Your gifts satisfy us today and through all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.
- G** Amen.

895 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

- 1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!
- △ 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Festival March" (G.F. Handel)

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Thank you, Erich Zorr, for serving as our organist this weekend.

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Samuel 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8

Monday: 1 Samuel 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15

Thursday: 1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31

Friday: 1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Saturday: 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger: health issues

David, cancer

Larry, heart issues

Becky, back pain

Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer

Jack, ongoing health issues

Jim, health issues

Eunice, Health Issues

Kathy's mother

Roger, recovering

Lois, recovering

Terry, dealing with lymes disease

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: George & Beverly, Dean & Miriam, Robert & Carol, Walker,
Larry & Kathy, John & Shirley, Chad & Randee, Robert & Jayne

Hymn of the Week "Listen, God is Calling" LSB 833

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction