



The Lutheran Church *of* Vestavia Hills
SUNDAY MORNING
August 2, 2020

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS



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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us in Communion. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to fold their hands and receive a blessing.

Current Worship Schedule:

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| Saturday, 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Worship with seated communion | <i>*No singing * masks required</i> |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship with seated communion | <i>*Traditional Service *masks required</i> |
| Sunday, 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship with seated communion | <i>*Traditional Service *masks required</i> |
| Sunday, 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship with seated communion | <i>*Service will be live-streamed *masks required</i> |

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 2, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB #814 (v. 1-2,5-6)



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for the oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Judge of us all, You have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by Your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

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

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

LSB #848 (v. 1-2)



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.

SERMON

Jesus: "You Give Them Something to Eat"

Matthew 14:13-21

Rev. Clifford Hellmers, Pastor Emeritus

~BLESSING OF THE BOOKS AND PRESENTATION OF A GIFT FOR KENYA~

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in Your Mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB #789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed 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 -



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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE