

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Word and Table

in the 167th Year of the Parish

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Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

***HYMN** Break Now the Bread of Life ELW 515

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
as once you broke the bread beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

You are the bread of life, dear 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.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

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.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-5

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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145 (*Read responsively*)

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

**9LORD, 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.

**15The 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.

**17You 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 upon you faithfully.

**19You 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.

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

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 9:1-5

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.

C Thanks be to God.

*THE GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

3Now 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope we affirm our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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**

Lord in Mercy/**Hear our prayer**

***THE PEACE**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.

**C 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.**

***THE COMMUNION**

**P Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.**

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P God of the welcome table,
C in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,**

**through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE BLESSING

P 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 Father, † God, the Son,
and God, the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen.

*HYMN O Living Bread from Heaven ELW 542
O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows!

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

*DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Psalm XIX (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)*
Bernadetto Marcello (1686-1739)