

**October 11, 2020**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE:** *When We Are Living (Bert Carlson)*

**MEDITATION**

**Psalm 145**

I will exalt you , God my king,  
for ever bless your name.  
I will bless you every day,  
for ever praise your name.

Great is the Lord, highly to be praised,  
great beyond our reach.

Age to age proclaims your works,  
recounts your mighty deeds.  
I ponder your splendor and glory  
and all your wonderful works.

They reveal your fearful power,  
I tell of your great deeds.  
They recall your ample goodness,  
joyfully sing your justice.

Gracious and merciful is the Lord,  
slow to anger, full of love.  
The Lord is good in every way,  
merciful to every creature.

Let your works praise you, Lord,  
your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them proclaim your glorious reign,  
your dominion lasts for ever,  
your rule for all generations!

The Lord is faithful in every word  
and gracious in every work.  
The Lord Supports the fallen,  
raises those bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,  
you give them food in due time.  
You open wide your hand  
to feed all living things.

The Lord us just in every way,  
loving in every deed.  
The Lord is near to those who call,  
who cry out from their hearts.

God Grants them their desires,  
hears their cry and saves them.

Those who love God are kept alive;  
the wicked, the Lord destroys.

I will sing the Lord's praise,  
all flesh will bless God's name,  
holy, both now and for ever.

## GREETING/PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee*

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.**

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and  
poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet.  
Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into  
a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

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

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **THE WORD:** *Exodus 32:1-14 - Chris Burns*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God,  
**word of life.**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD:** *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Roger Steinke

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**THE BAPTISM OF LICHTENSTEIN**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Dawn and Clint Bastin**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Self-Reflection.*

Faithful God,  
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

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

#### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### **OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERTORY:**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER - Perry Cole**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER - *Tamara McIntyre***

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

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

### COMMUNION SONG: *Let Us Break Bread Together* (471)



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

Mothering God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**



SENDING SONG: *Step by Step* (W&P 132)

Musical score for the song "Step by Step" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days."

D(no3) G G<sup>2</sup> G D/F# D C/E C/D  
 O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D(no3) G G<sup>2</sup> D/F# D  
 you. O God, you are my God, and

C/E C/D G G<sup>2</sup> G Em C/E Em  
 I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-

Dsus D Am/E Am/C Am  
 - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

G G<sup>2</sup> G D/F# D C/D Am/D D<sup>7</sup>sus  
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

<sup>1</sup>G D(no3) | <sup>2</sup>G G<sup>2</sup> G Em  
 days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

Dsus D Am<sup>7</sup> F C D<sup>7</sup>sus  
 days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

G<sup>2</sup>/D D C/D G  
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

Text: Beaker  
 Music: Beaker; arr. Nylea Butler-Moore

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: *Gavotte (Matthew Camige)*

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