



August 2, 2020 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9TH Sunday in Pentecost Aug. 2, 2020

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Prelude: Song for Sienna, Brian Crane piano & “Victory Chant”, WOW Worship #1

Welcome & Announcements

- The Greg and Christina **Gubrud Family** became new **members** of our Church Family, with their transfer of membership and the baptism of Justin Daniel, after church last Sunday. Please welcome them as you see them in the community and sign the card in the back of the church.
- **Men's guided discussion** group. After church on Sundays after harvest season is done.
- **Women's Bible Study** at Rustad's Thursday 10:00 AM.
- **Tentative plans are being made for 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th grade Confirmation & First Communion Classes to be held Wednesday nights in the fellowship hall where CDC guidelines will be observed. One table per student.** Parents please contact the church, members of the Family, Youth, & Education Committee, or Pastor Jane with any helpful comments.
- **Friday School and Sunday School is TBD (To Be Determined.)**
- Sept. 26, Augustana District Annual Convention at Faith Lutheran in Hutchinson, MN, 8 AM - 2 PM. Speaker: Supreme Court Justice, the Honorable G. Barry Anderson, on “Religious Liberty: What It is and Why We Need it”.
- Elizabeth Barrineau, fighting Lupus is **in remission!** Thank you for the prayers.
- Flowers from Peggy Larson

Invocation: Psalm 100:2 “Serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into His presence with singing.”

Call to worship Hymn: “Holy Ground” Wow #18 and P. 138 chorus of the Blue Hymnal.

Prayer of Confession

L: Let us Pray...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. **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. (brief silence)

L: 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

Absolution: Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of Thanksgiving and Praise: “I Will Celebrate” **Chorus** P. 66 in Blue Hymnal, WOW #2

Psalm of the Day:

“How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity...for there the Lord ordained His blessing, life for evermore.” Psalm 133:1 & 3b

Prayer of the Day:

God of all people, your arms reach out to include all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to be your presence in the world with compassion and consistency, so that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

L: Invitation to participate in the prayers of the church: Claiming the promise that the prayers of a forgiven people carries

much weight with God through Christ's sacrifice, and being filled with His Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in prayer for the churches, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Gracious Lord, your house is a home of prayer for all people, even outcasts, and all who love your name. Reach into our hearts and focus our attention on the central mission of your Gospel.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

Great Creator, continue to embrace all of creation in your loving arms, showing us better ways to care for your earth, and nurture life. Increase our understanding of how we are connected to the atmosphere, oceans, rivers and lakes and soil, so that our hands become your hands of protection and mercy.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

Mighty God, you ask us to maintain justice and do what is right, so that all nations may know peace. Inspire, empower, and protect the families of our church, especially the families of Mike & Tracy Ware, James & Heather Webb, Gerald & Joyce White, Matt & Chantel Wickham, Mark & Nancy Winkler. Uphold those international organizations that strive to work together for the good of all. Help us to recognize and discern those that do not work toward the common good.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

Prince of Peace, shine your face upon those in need of healing for their minds, bodies, and spirits. Guide, enable, and preserve medical teams and Peace officers as they are your gifts to us. We especially pray for (list...) Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope as we humbly pray before you.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

God of all People, open our hearts to the visitors among us, to their gifts and talents that enrich life. Open our hearts to the questions of children and give us wise answers. Fill us with your welcoming presence in all our connections. Watch over those who are absent or isolated and bring us all safely home.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

Great Redeemer, As you gather the faithful who have died surrounded by your love, remind us of everything we have learned from them, in your Name. Thank you for their presence among us, especially those we remember silently before you now.

Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayers.**

Into your loving hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And all God's people said: **Amen.**

Hymn to Prepare to hear the Word: "He is Able" WOW #6

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, 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.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

I 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.

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path." Psalm 119:105 Songs 4 Worship #2

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, 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.

¹⁴ When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ When 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."

¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸ And He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then 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. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105 Songs 4 Worship Song #2

Children's Sermon / Adult Sermon

Hymn of faith, post-sermon: "As the Deer" WOW #14 and P. 548 of blue Hymnal

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

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

Benediction

P: Jesus is alive!

C: And that makes all the difference.

Closing Hymn: "Shine Jesus Shine" Wow #11 and P. 431 in Blue Hymnal

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks Be to God!

Postlude: "God is Good (All the Time)" Wow #10 & Song for Sienna, Brian Crane piano.