

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



6 AUGUST 2017
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • Setting II • 10:30

GATHERING – “*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*”

PRELUDE – Partita on "Praise and Thanksgiving"

John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

☩ Amen.

☩ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☩ Eternal God our creator,

☩ **in you I live and move and have my being.**

Look upon me, your child, the work of your hands.

Forgive me all the wrongs I have done,

and cleanse me from proud thoughts and empty desires.

By your grace draw me near to you, my refuge and my strength;

through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

☩ Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives us all your sins.

☩ Amen.

Text for this hymn is a translation of verses selected from among the 51 of a 12th century poem of uncertain origin sometimes attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux. The melody is the work of an English stocking manufacturer, who marked the tune "Subject from Beethoven," but was then unable to point out where. He published several volumes of and about music in his lifetime.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LBW 356

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with
3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
all to call on you; to those who seek you, you are
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

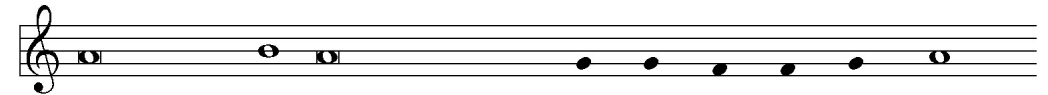


parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
good; to those who find you, life is new.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

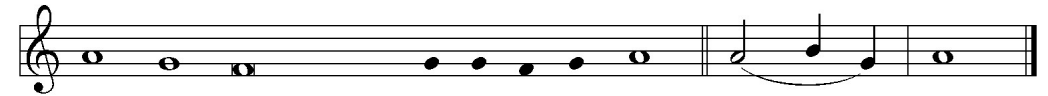
- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**

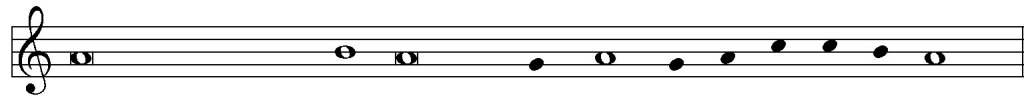


☐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☑ **A - men**

KYRIE Luke 17:13



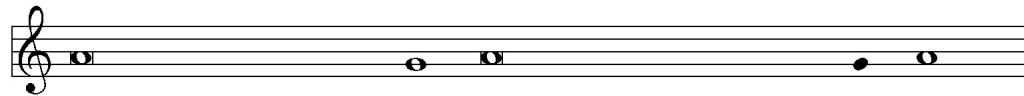
☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



☐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And al - so with you.**

- ☐ 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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD – “*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.*”

FIRST READING: 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.



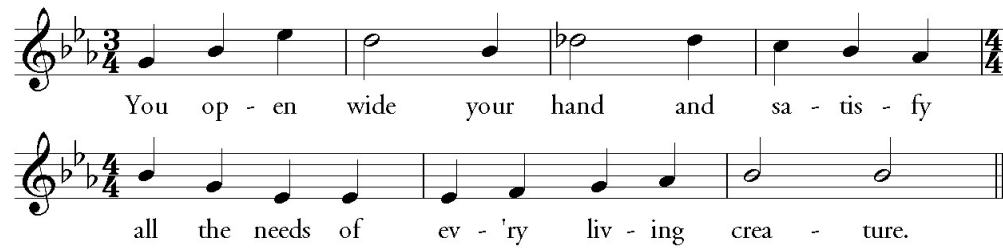
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



You op - en wide your hand and sa - tis - fy
all the needs of ev - 'ry liv - ing crea - ture.

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and of great kindness.

⁹The Lord is loving to everyone,
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall;
He lifts up those who are bowed down. **R**

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 needs of every living creature.

¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

¹⁸The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

²⁰The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING: 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.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

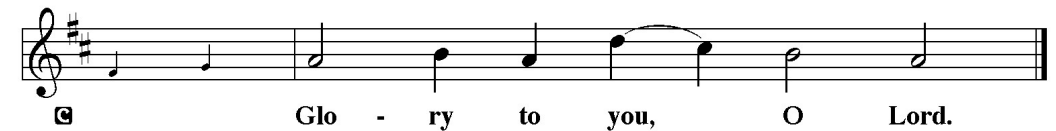
Please stand as you are able.

VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

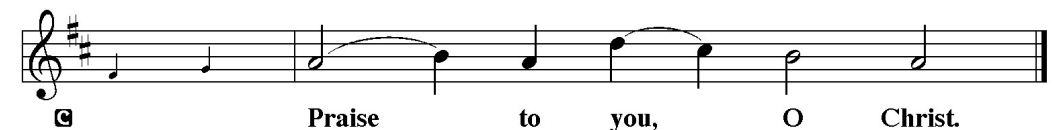
GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat into 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 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, “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.” 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



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Coleman

Please stand as you are able.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua assembly.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 235

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

- A** Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*
- A** God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of all, fill those who are starving, whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now.... Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of Luther Memorial Church and the Bethany Outreach Center. Be with those who greet those receiving food, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- Here other intercessions may be offered.*
- A** Bless us as we remember the saints at your everlasting feast, especially Eloise Schaper, Linda Wiest, and Cynthia Hartman, until we join them at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you. Romans 16:16**

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:
 So God blessed them, and God said to humankind, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth
 and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air
 and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” Genesis 1:28

ANTHEM – “The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee” (Psalm 145:15, 16)

Jean Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon thee;
 and thou givest them their meat in due season.
 Thou openest thine hand,
 and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LBW 565

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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
 Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Merciful God,
 you open wide your hand
 and satisfy the need of every living thing.
 You have given us all of our blessings,
 and so now we make our humble offerings to you
 as a sign of our thanksgiving.
 We pray this through Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9

P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
G It is right to give him 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, almighty and ever living God; 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:

G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son as our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death into life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

G Amen.

G 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. *Matthew 6:9*

AGNUS DEI



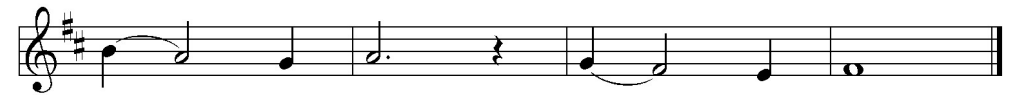
G Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is offered.
We receive this meal with hearts of thanksgiving.

G Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

COMMUNION *John 1:29*



The text for this hymn is the work of a prolific hymn writer of 17th century Germany.
The tune, whose composer was a great organist and hymn-writer of 19th-century England,
was originally written for a wedding hymn.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 197

O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won-drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ Amen.

Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Post-Communion Canticle.

The author of this hymn text achieved considerable recognition for his work in the parishes
of 20th century England. He wrote the current hymn to meet the need for harvest thanksgiving hymns.
He used the tune, a Gaelic folk song, to give the popular tune wider circulation.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LBW 409

Praise and Thanksgiving



Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
Then will your bless - ing reach ev' - ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good:___ har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
fess - ing your gra - cious hand.___ Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic Tune

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

☑ Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- P** Compassionate God,
as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless these faithful servants who go forth and share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick or homebound.
May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, \mp Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *Luke 7:50*

- A** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – Jubilation on "Praise and Thanksgiving"

John G. Barr

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