

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Enough for All

August 2 & 3, 2014

### AS WE GATHER

Jesus used the disciples' five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 families. This was enough for all, with twelve baskets of fragments left over! His followers had assumed that this would not be enough; they had not realized what He could do if they only turned their resources over to Him. The "free meal" is a tangible reminder of the free gift of eternal life that comes through Word and Sacrament each time we worship. Paul laments that many of his fellow Jews do not know about the blessings God offers through Christ. Each time we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. There is enough here for many more to join us in thanksgiving for blessings tangible and eternal.

### WELCOME

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.  
(Ephesians 2:19-20)*

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN #807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call; "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs;  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" God's holy house of prayer  
Hath none that can compare With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon In all high heav'n is known  
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the eternal Word  
The eternal psalm is heard: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find;  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,  
Sing, "Jesus, Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er,  
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!"

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Although we desire to come into God's presence as the saints He has declared us to be, we bring with us our continual sin-filled, dirty clothes that must be cleaned before we are ready for dinner. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father. Gracious heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have deceived ourselves and each other into thinking that we have loved you completely and each other as ourselves. In our minds, we distort the truth that your Law reveals. We cannot save ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and by your Holy Spirit, renew in us right hearts that we may walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. God has promised, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." He has made you ready to come into His presence. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### "This Is the Feast"

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul.

**People: Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**+ WORD +**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 55:1-5*

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live, I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

### **EPISTLE** *Romans 9:1–13* (Paul laments the lack of faith in most Jews.)

I speak the truth in Christ - I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised, Amen. It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children.

On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad - in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls - she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

(Rise)

### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus feeds the 5,000.)

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #785 "We Praise You, O God"**

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our father, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**SERMON "A Lesson in the Lord's Provision" Matthew 14:13-21**

(Rise)

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register for names of those to greet after the worship

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Leader: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**"Lamb of God"**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #774**

**"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"**

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.

O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!

As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish

Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

**HYMN #804**

**"O Worship the King"**

O worship the King, all glorious above. O gratefully sing His His pow'r and His love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,

Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old,

Established it fast by a changeless decree,

And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,

And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, Wile angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

**HYMN #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy  
blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace  
with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior And  
live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give  
Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have invited us into your presence and fed us with the Bread of Life. As your Son taught His first disciples that He could use their efforts to multiply the number of those who would receive His physical blessings, so use us now to extend your merciful kindness. Bring many from east and west, from north and south, to rejoice in your salvation here in time and forever in the eternal heavenly banquet; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation, and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, go with you, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #837 "Lift High the Cross" Stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6**

*Refrain* **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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