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## ***August 2, 2020 ~ Pentecost 9***

*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.*

### ***Service of the Word***

#### ***The Gathering***

Prelude

*Chris Lehne*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin... Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
 Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
 Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
 Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
 Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.  
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: 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.**

## *The Word*

### The First Reading

*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. <sup>2</sup> Why 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. <sup>3</sup> Incline 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. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, 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.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Second Reading

*Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup> The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. <sup>20</sup> The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 14:13-21*P: The holy gospel according to Matthew C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

*"The Math of Compassion"**"Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16*

## Song of the Day

*"All Who Are Thirsty"*

All who are thirsty All who are weak  
 Just come to the fountain Dip your heart in the stream of life  
 Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away  
 In the waves of his mercy As deep cries out to deep

Come Lord Jesus come (4x) All who are thirsty All who are weak  
 Just come to the fountain Dip your heart in the stream of life  
 Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away  
 In the waves of his mercy As deep cries out to deep

Come Lord Jesus come (4x)  
 Won't You come? Won't You come?  
 Nothing but Your will for me, I am only free when You come.  
 Come Lord Jesus come. Nothing but Your will for me, I am only free when You come. (3x)  
 Come Lord Jesus come.

## The Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, please respond with... L: Turn to us, O God,*

*Cong: Your compassion is over all*

## *The Offering*

### \*The Offertory Song

### *"Waymaker"*

**You are here, moving in our midst I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place I worship You, I worship You (X2)**

**(CHORUS) You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are (X2)**

**You are here, touching every heart I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart I worship You, I worship You, oh  
(CHORUS)**

**That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are (X2)  
(CHORUS)**

**Even when I don't see it, You're working Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working You never stop, You never stop working  
(CHORUS)**

### \*The Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

### \*The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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 Sending*

The Blessing

\*Sending Song

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

*Nº 674*

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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## Announcements

Please check all scheduled events weekly at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches as we are making decisions about meetings and gatherings each week. Please stay safe and healthy!

*The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Wayne & Char Lehne*

*Congratulations to Tyler & Alyssa (Kemen) Erickson who were married yesterday, August 1st, at Grace Lutheran!*

*Announcing the continuation of in-person worship at Grace. The elected leadership at Grace has made the decision to begin in-person, Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary at 9AM. Beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, the following in person schedule will take place. August 9<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Worship at both Providence and Grace*

*August 16<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace – Intern Pastor JoHanna Farewell reception in courtyard following worship*

*August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence*

*August 30<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace*

*September 6<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence*

*September 13<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Worship at Grace*

*10:45 AM worship at Providence*

*August and September Sunday morning schedule will follow Safe gathering practices with facemask and social distancing required at all services. We will continue to offer our online worship services posted on our facebook and Youtube pages for members and friends who wish to continue the worship at home practices. Anyone in need of a pastoral or communion visit can contact the church office at 320-769-4394 or 320-841-2206. The pastors or staff would be happy to make a home visit with you utilizing safe gathering practices.*

### **Other Worship Opportunities**

*Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at our summer worship time at 9:00am on Sundays. Video of each worship will be available on both the Grace and Providence websites, Grace's YouTube Channel and Wednesday afternoons on Channel 8. Bulletins will be available for download on the websites and for pick up in the main entry of the church.*

*Joint Worship services will be held alternating between Providence and Grace at 9:00am. Please be mindful of the worship schedule.*

*Midweek Communion services have resumed. Join us on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm in Grace Hall.*

*Riverside Manor Communion worship has resumed and will meet again on August 6th at 9:30am.*

*Circle groups, bible studies, and board meetings can resume as desired by the group while staying within the recommended guidelines. For a copy of the guidelines please contact the church office. Please notify staff of any gatherings within the church building so we can prepare adequately. Thank you all for your input with these decisions and your understanding as our leadership begins to move forward during this time.*

### **Tithes & Offerings**

*Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or [pvlchruch.org](http://pvlchruch.org), simply click on the "Give Online" tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" in your App Store and set up your account! And Grace Lutheran now has TEXT OFFERING! Simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430!*

*Your offerings can also be mailed to:*

*Grace Lutheran Church – PO Box 549 - Dawson, Mn 56232 or*

*Providence Valley Lutheran Church - C/O 2722 100th Street - Dawson, MN 56232*

*Thank you for your continued support over the past several months, both financially and spiritually.*

### **In our prayers**

*Butch Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Todd & Arlys Buer, Gloria Burg, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Carol Fleharty, Wilton & Madeline Gustafson, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, John Lund, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Jeanne Peterson, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Pat Saltness, Mike Stangeland, Lauren Thoen, Joanne Trader, Larry Trader, Donna Weidenback, & Bonnie Westfield.*

*The Family of MaryAnn Heinrich*