

July 18, 2021

*The Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost*



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"A Joyous Acclamation"
"In All Lands, Rejoice, Ye Christians"

L. Smith
J. Schop

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

LSB 820 sts. 1 & 4



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bles His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of
yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



mee - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and
cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -

care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who
 ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our
 leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.
 life and all sus - tain - ing, My soul, O praise the Lord!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P All we like sheep have gone astray;

C **we have turned—every one—to his own way;**

P and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*
 Let us therefore go to our Lord, confident of His grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Our heavenly Father,

C **we have strayed as did Your people before Christ came; we are as conflicted as the Jews and Gentiles in the early Church; our faith is as weak as the disciples' when they faced a hungry crowd. We see only what is in front of our eyes, and we complain when we do not see all that we need or want.**

Left Side: ***Our cares and worries – our sins – blur our vision of Your grace and mercy. Like the disciples, at times we also think that our resources are too small to offer to You.***

Right Side: **We do not always trust that You are concerned enough to meet all our physical and spiritual needs.**

Left Side: ***We humbly ask Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake for all our failures of weak faith and our listening to other voices.***

Right Side: Open our ears and our eyes so that we may follow You, our true Shepherd, through every shadowy valley until we behold the streams of quiet water that eternally flow from Your throne of grace.

P O people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand (*Psalm 95:7*), surely for Jesus' sake, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life (*Psalm 23:6*). 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.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN

"In Adam We Have All Been One"

LSB 569



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
 2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
 Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
 That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
 Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
 Thou Son, O set us free
 From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
 To make us one in Thee.

6 Then shall our song united rise
 To Thine eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit Thou art one.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, for every daily blessing, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Compassionate Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the healing, housing, feeding, and saving ministry of the Church of God in all the earth, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Strengthening Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here themselves and all that they are and have in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C All-embracing Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LSB 793 sts. 1 & 4



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

P through Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Good Shepherd of the sheep, You provide the protection, nourishment, and guidance we need every day of our lives.

C Remind us again through Your gracious Word that we need not fear lacking anything physical or spiritual within Your compassionate care;

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11-22

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Ps. 78:25

P Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said,

C **"This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."**

P "You give them something to eat."

C **"Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"**

P "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said,

C **"Five, and two fish."**

P Then He commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"Two Little Fish, Five Loaves of Bread"



1 Two lit - tle fish, five loaves of bread, Too few that
2 We see com - pas - sion in Your eyes; Our ev' ry
3 Why do You pray, a bless - ing say? Will they our
4 Teach us, Lord Je - sus, here to - day Your grace to
5 You are the Bread of Life, O Lord; You paid the



hun - gry crowds be__ fed! Shall we this__ small meal give to__
fear it so de - fies! Good Shep - herd,__ what can You still__
in - ner fears al - lay? But then there's more, e - nough to__
trust, Your will o - bey. Move us our__ "fish," our "bread" to__
price that we might live. Through us, now,__ Sav - ior, may grace



You, When we've naught else to see us__ through?
do When these our off - 'rings are so__ few?
share! Your gra - cious love trumps our des - pair!
give That man - y may re - joice__ and live.
flow That Your great love thous - ands may know.

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SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED, (on forward screen or in the back of the LSB)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the people of God here and around the world, and for all people in their various needs and conditions.
- A** That our heavenly Father, who ordains all the powers that be in the nations of the world, would set rulers in place who will care for their people, dispel fear of injustice from within and attacks from beyond their borders, and allow the Church to flourish, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** That our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, who gave His life so that we

might never be separated from God's love in time or eternity, would continue to provide both physical and spiritual gifts in our desert wanderings until we see with our own eyes the eternal banquet in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Holy Spirit, who uses Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen faith, would provide peaceful days and calm confidence in our God for all who face this day fearful of evil, surrounded by enemies, in the midst of crisis or while enduring long-term ills (especially those near and dear to us ...), and use us to care for them wherever possible, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A That our one God, who has already reconciled people from every nation to Himself through the sacrifice of our Good Shepherd, would open paths of concord and understanding where brothers and sisters find themselves alienated from each other in disputes and divisions so that we may embrace one another in peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A That our compassionate Shepherd, who used five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand men and their families, would open our ears to hear His call to feed the people around us with the gracious news of the Gospel as well as physical expressions of His and our own compassionate care, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Two Little Fish, Five Loaves of Bread"

arr. C. Curtis

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful "

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

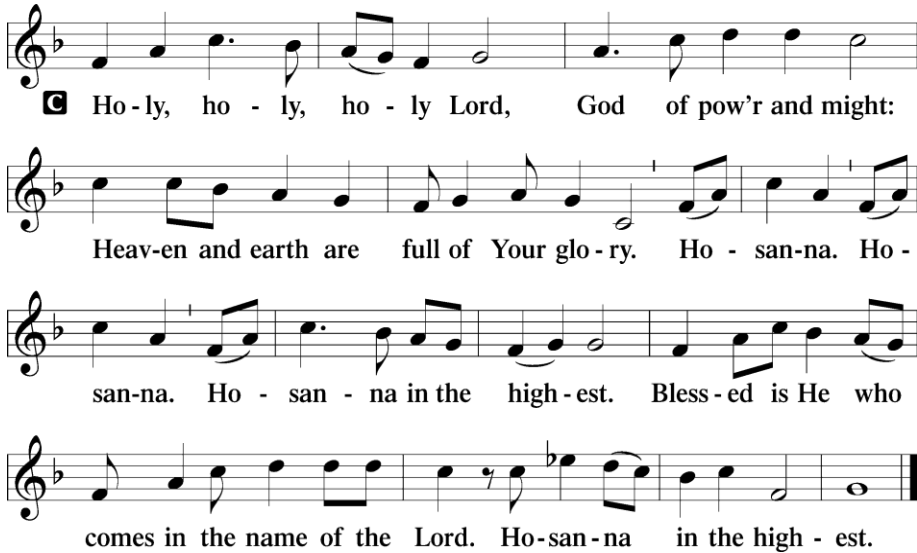
PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is our Good Shepherd, providing feasts of physical and spiritual

blessings during our earthly sojourn until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

He is our compassionate Lord, who in great mercy and grace provides a veritable feast for us even when we fail to trust Him for all that we need. And now in this sacrament, while we continue on our desert journey, He comes to assure us again of sins forgiven and blessings without number.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \mp body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \mp blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER, *On forward screens*

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" **LSB 733 sts. 1-5**



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righ - teous - ness;



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleans - ing blood;



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.
 Thy blood, Thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

VOLUNTARY

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

setting: S. Wente

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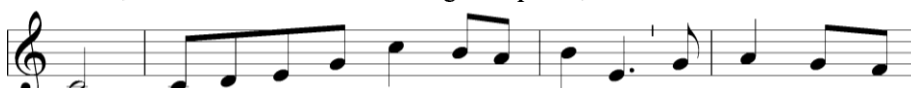
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You daily and richly supply all that we need to support our life on every level, and in this feast of Your Son's body and blood You have multiplied blessing upon blessing.
- C** **Accompany us on our journey through this desert until we join saints and angels to praise Your holy name on days without number;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight (Hebrews 13:20-21), and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

LSB 631, sts. 6-7

6 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;
 7 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 Yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,
 The bread and wine re - move, but Thou art here;
 Giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,
 Near - er than ev - er; still my shield and sun.
 The Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

*Sit***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

Deaconess Karen Suter

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

"Postlude in A minor"

H. Hopkins

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