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Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION – 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.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING FROM HOME.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Please see our website for details.

OR Please prayerfully meditate on the service, even go through it with family, in person, or others online or on the phone! Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME

*Our community gathers in unity with others in this virtual way.
We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers aloud or silently.
Feel free to share them with others.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come to the water, all you who thirst—
ALL Let us drink deeply from the river of life.
P Come to the water, all you who are weary—
ALL Let us rest in the quiet pools of God's love.
P Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—
ALL Let us be renewed body and soul in God's ever-flowing stream.
P For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives,
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.
**ALL We come here today with our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and our hunger and thirst, waiting upon you, Lord. Trusting your goodness.**
P Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water and satisfies our souls.

SONG

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

LBW 356, 1-3



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

All Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P May God's great love and peace be with you now and always.

All And you also.

READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

INTRO - God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

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.

R Word of God; Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.



"Sharing God's Love & Compassion"

*Send us a picture of one or more ways
you come up with to share God's love this week*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

INTRODUCTION - After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], 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. 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 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "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 to me." 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

All Praise to You O Christ.

MESSAGE FOR ALL "You Do IT!"

Pastor Dawn Roucka

REFLECTION QUESTIONS –

- Why does Jesus begin this passage by withdrawing from the people? What brings him back?
- How do you think the disciples felt to be included in this miracle?
- If you look at your community, what needs do you see that need to be met? •What skills, resources, or abilities do you have to do something about those needs?
- How might your actions be the miracle some are looking for to be assured of God's love for them?



OFFERING IS WELCOMED

PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.

Mail offerings to Grace at 5N600 N. Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL 60175
or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website.

OFFERING PRAYER

L On our own what we have to give doesn't amount to much
in the light of all you have given to us and in the face of so much need.
Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love
becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.
We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all.

All **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Brothers and sisters, God is close to all who call on him; to all who pray with honesty and sincerity. So come to this time of prayer with confidence and expectation, for God is among us, and will hear our prayers. Please share your concerns for us to pray about.

THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

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| * Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams | * Lucy Adams, daughter-in-law of Mark & Renee Adams |
| * Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren | * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey |
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

WE PRAY FOR ALL

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| * The continued support of our members | * For all members of healthcare around the world |
| * For those serving as first responders and in the military | * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things. |

Fred Altstadt, Vicki Barclay, Carl Ekstrom, Carol Hammers, Jamie Hext, , Manfred Kaufman, Jeannine Luchs, Ryan McDonald, Joan Mortensen, Donald Overby, Ken Deutschman, Ken Patterson, Nicole Puralewski, Darlene Rentner, Pastor Rex, The Reynolds Family, Chris Richards, Nancy Schaefer, John Schnaitman, Shirley Turner, Linda Smykowski, Russ Bohlin, Eileen Morris, Pete and Carol Prevanas, Ryan McDonald,

CLOSING SONG**"O' Living Bread From Heaven"*****LBW 197, vs 1-3***

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-en-ed 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.

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ADDITIONAL WORD FOR THE DAY

These readings complete the set from the A cycle (with those listed above) of the weekly lectionary:

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalm 119:129-136

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰When your word is opened | it gives light;

it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant

because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,

as you always do to those who | love your name. R

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴Rescue me from those | who oppress me,

and I will keep | your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant

and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed | streams of tears,

because people do not | keep your teaching. R

REAL NEWS TO USE DURING THESE TIMES

VISIT OUR Website www.graceoflilylake.com FOR THE LATEST NEWS AND SERVICES

Check out our updated website. Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services

And our FACEBOOK PAGE or Youtube page for activities and posts of interest:

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceOfLilyLake/>

<https://youtube.com/graceoflilylake.com>

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We also have a NEW ZOOM LINK for our weekly fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/94037562153?pwd=Z2hUcEZxSXY5clZqUkJKdkI6d3UxQT09>

Meeting ID: 940 3756 2153

Passcode: 036770

Thank you to all who responded to our survey about when and how and who was able to consider returning to public worship at Grace. Our survey generated 41 responses. Below are tentative conclusions we are drawing on how to respond.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADAPT AND BE FLEXIBLE AND AS OPEN AS WE CAN BE BUT **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

CURRENTLY, WE DO NOT FORSEE WORSHIPPING REGULARLY INDOORS THIS SUMMER.

FOR NOW WILL REMAIN WORSHIPPING ONLINE, EVEN WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO BE IN THE SANCTUARY SO WE CAN ACCOMMODATE

Those who may not otherwise join us by increasing our entry points.

Those who want to return slowly or stay home for safety/ health reasons.

WE WILL ATTEMPT AN OUTDOOR SERVICE THIS SUMMER – WE NEED HELP TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. If you want to see it happen, please call/email/contact Pastor, George Theros or Nick Rex and let them know how you will help.

Again, we base our decisions on the best science and data before us, through consultation with the wider church body, and through the prayers, hope and love of our community.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/places-worship-guidance>

<https://www.elca.org/publichealth>

http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/covid-19_resourcesresources_for_being_and_doing.php/

The following are steps it will take for Grace to have an engaging in-person opportunities through the Covid crisis:

More volunteers needed for cleaning crew shifts.

Wider population of members contributing ideas for worship and even helping plan/ implement worship.
Masks must be worn by all and minimum 6 ft distance kept.
There will be no hand-shaking and no bulletins or hymnals. (the service will be shown on screen)
There will be no communion at this time. (Unless we do a drive-in style worship)
There will be no out loud singing.
There will be no donuts or coffee (our sincerest apologies), and that space will be cordoned off.
• Please stay home if you are not feeling well especially if you have a fever or symptoms concerning for respiratory illness
Please use the main entrances (upper or lower) when entering or leaving church and sign in.

PROCEDURES FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO HOLD IT (Possibly late August/ early September)

- Service Leaders/ Worship leaders will be under the pavilion. Open seating on the grass with spacing 6 feet apart.
 - Families or co-worshippers will be able to sit together in groups.
 - Those groups will be seated six feet away from the next nearest group.
- All worshipers will be asked to wear masks (please bring your own)
- There will be no regular communion, we are working on some ideas TBA.
- Child-care will be unavailable/ no children's activity bags.
- There will be no donuts or coffee.
- There will be no singing, hand-shaking and no bulletins or hymnals (the service will be shown on screen)

Steps we're asking all people to take to ensure a safety and health:

- Please wear masks and abide by all of the social distancing guidelines, at church or elsewhere.
- Please stay home if you are not feeling well especially if you have a fever or symptoms of respiratory illness

As always, we know you will take care for your own safety and the safety of others. If you are comfortable being present that's wonderful. If the time is not yet right for you, we will continue our online worship and invite you to invite and help others join us for worship.

Pastor Dawn Roucka

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Grace offers several Faith-filled opportunities

1) Coffee, Tea (BYOB) and Theology Tuesday Bible Study – every second and fourth Tuesday

Join us for Coffee, Tea and Theology on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 Am – 10:00 AM on Zoom. The opportunity and experience is not new, but there is a new Zoom code to join - _

<https://zoom.us/j/95874078461?pwd=eWIhaWRoRVNSVHROeXRMVTJCayswQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 7407 8461

Passcode: 236943

Recently, we began a new series, "A Church is Born! A study of the Book of Acts" focusing on the early Christians and their struggle to find their way as a new Church through all of life's ups and downs. Pastor will send an outline and study questions for each week. Bring your Bible.

2) Faithful Friends Fellowship – every first and third Tuesday from 9:00 Am – 10:00 AM on Zoom. The new Zoom code is:

<https://zoom.us/j/93574526452?pwd=Uy93WG1JeDNZUINvdkJGZjVlZHc2QT09>

Meeting ID: 935 7452 6452

Passcode: 683854

This opportunity differs from our Bible Study time and is for all who want to catch up, share in faith and pray for one another.

Join us for one or both! Every week or just occasionally. We welcome all!

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To share God's GRACE with all through
our rich traditions of faith, family, and
community.

Gospel – Sharing God's
love in all we say & do

Respect for all God's
people & creation

Action – responding to the
Gospel

Community – Love God,
neighbor, & self

Everyone – we are all God's
children