Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA Ninth Sunday after Pentecost WOV: Bread of Life Sunday, August 2, 2020

Introduction to the day

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.

PRELUDE

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145:8-9, 15-22

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.

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

- ¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
 ¹⁷You open wide your hand
 - and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- ¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.
- ¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them.
- ²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked.
- ²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON & CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

APOSTLES CREED (WOV p. 32) With the whole church, we 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

*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (WOV p. 32)

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. 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.

*BLESSING (WOV p. 41)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's high altar flower arrangements are presented in memory of Philip Stake, by Dave & Shirley (Stake) Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 8/9/20

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Rom 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Loni Clark, Brian Dell, Linda Eichelberger, Betty Gaither, Shannon Hildebrand, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz, Connie & Joe Vanasdale, Earl Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar and high altar flowers may once again be sponsored each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor flowers, call (717-235-3276) or email (office@zionglenrock.org) the office to check available dates. A list will be made available to show which Sundays are reserved and which Sundays are open. At this time, there will not be an option to write in your name beside a date. You must contact the office.

Remote worship options are available.

Recorded services and other virtual fellowship opportunities are available on Zion's Remote Worship web page at https://zionglenrock.org/worship/remote-worship.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York broadcasts their 11:00am Sunday service on FM 98.9 radio station.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2020 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,464.00

7/26/2020 Regular Contributions \$ 1768.10

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 43.10 Dedicated Dollars

\$ 1725.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$1,301.81

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2020

Regular Contributions	\$	63,072.34
Other Contributions/Gifts	+\$	10,238.29
Dedicated Dollars	- <u>\$</u>	11,956.45
Contributions to cover Expense	s \$	61,354.18
Expenses to date: \$ 70,392.93		

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