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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Service of Holy Communion +

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "O Living Bread from Heaven" by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5. The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6. All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
The Triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live! Amen.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

INTROIT

- P** *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;*
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
P *He spread a cloud for a covering,*
C **and fire to give light by night.**
P *They asked, and he brought quail,*
C **and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**
P *He opened the rock, and water gushed out;*
C **it flowed through the desert like a river.**
P *For he remembered his holy promise,*
C **and Abraham, his servant.**
P *So he brought his people out with joy,*
C **his chosen ones with singing.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;*
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

KYRIE

- P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:1–5

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

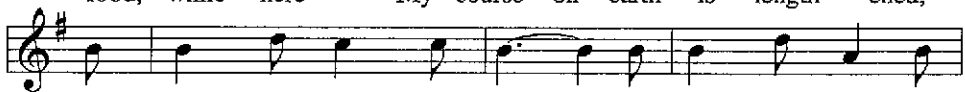
O Living Bread from Heaven



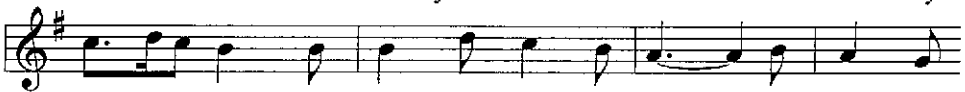
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



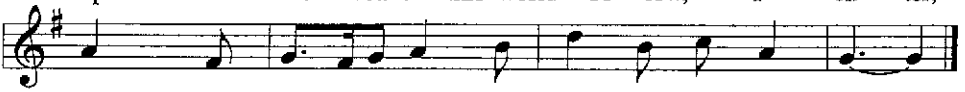
feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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✠ NICENE CREED

C I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Knowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need, [especially], and those we name in our hearts, that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE 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 ∇ 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 ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

LORD'S PRAYER

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

PAX DOMINI

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **Amen.**

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"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P *Let us pray. Almighty God, in our want we cry to You and You answer us with the food of Your mercy and grace in Christ, our Savior. Keep us from being satisfied by things that have no power to forgive our sins or lead us to everlasting life. Lead us to trust in You, for Your grace will not disappoint us, and Your gifts satisfy us today and through all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P *Bless we the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P *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.* **C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

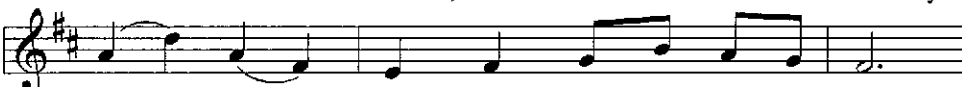
Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

by Stacy Piontek

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
 Communion Assistant..... Bill Milliken
 Counter..... Carl Kurth
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Special Music Duet: Beth Buss & Kae Kemerling
 Warren Kettner, soloist
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object) Al Axford
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 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
 Usher Phil Vandre

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**THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE**  
**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am**

**August 9: “Over The Darkness, God Hovers”; Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer**

*A 5-year-old boy once observed, “God has the whole world in His hands—but sometimes He drops it.” Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message. It’s “Archives August”.*