

# *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, August 2, 2020*

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### **GATHERING**

*Where responses are indicated, please respond quietly.*

**PRELUDE**

“Be Not Afraid”

M. Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
Amen.

As we seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves  
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

**We have used our time foolishly and strayed from your path.**

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through death on the cross, God has given us life and hope.

Know that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Isaiah**

<sup>1</sup>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.

(Isaiah 55:1-5)

**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>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.**

**A Reading from Romans**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 9:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now 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. <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. (Matthew 14:13-21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

## **SERMON**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)**

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**

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.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Read in Unison)**

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.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

May Almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace. Share the Good News with everyone you meet.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Allegro Maestoso”

G.F. Handel

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of parents, Guy and Frances Lengel, by son, James Lengel.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in honor of our daughter, Victoria Spitler, by Tina and Scott Butler.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Russel Carl Zehner by Sonny and Connie Teter.

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**SERVING TODAY (8/2/20)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel; USHER: Mary Timpany; GREETER: Juli Schenck;  
COUNTERS: Gwen & Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright;  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/9/20)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Karen Travor; GREETER: Doug Travor;  
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst;  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke & Madelyn Knecht

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<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>		
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Sunday, August 2	9:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday, August 4	5:00 PM	Daycare Meeting
	6:30 PM	Evangelism Meeting
Wednesday, July 22	7:00 PM	Adult Forum (via Zoom)
Saturday, August 8	5:30 PM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Progressive Picnic (Tentative)
Sunday, August 9	9:30 AM	Worship

**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”**

In lieu of holding a community health fair, and in response to the repeating waves of COVID-19 infections, our congregation will be assembling large boxes of personal care items that will help our first responders: the EMS, the Fire Department, the Police, and the nursing home workers right here in Orwigsburg. These people are working ceaselessly to help us and keep us safe and they need pick-me-ups and reminders about how much they are truly appreciated!

Donations of the following items are appreciated:

- Bottles of Gatorade or vitamin water
- Packages of chewing gum, granola bars, hard candy, or dark chocolate (individually wrapped)
- Small boxes of facial tissues
- Small tubes of hand cream or lotion
- Notes of encouragement, inspiration, or humor
- Homemade baked goods which do not need refrigeration (no nuts) (in early September)
- Decks of cards (for those who wait for calls)
- Small containers of body powder (no talcum)
- Kerchiefs
- Ear buds (they wear out quickly)
- Sport headbands (terry cloth)
- Inexpensive visors

Please bring one or more items noted above when you come to worship or drop them off in the narthex during regular office hours. Help our first line responders as they continue to risk their lives for us and our whole community!