



HE SAW A GREAT CROWD; AND
HE HAD *Compassion* FOR THEM
AND CURED THEIR SICK.

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St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 6, 2017

Holy Communion

9:30 AM

Mass of Creation Martyr Haugen

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Welcome to St. David's Lutheran Church!

We are blessed by your presence and honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign the friendship sheet that is located in the booklet at the end of each pew, near the center aisle. These sheets will be collected with the offering.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and who recognize the Sacrament as the true body and blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to the Lord's table at St. David's with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians.

Prayer Requests may be made by placing the request in the small wooden box at the rear, near the doors through which you entered. The acolyte will collect the requests and they will be included during the prayers of the congregation.

For your comfort there is a restroom and a water fountain located upstairs. Simply exit through the double doors back into the narthex. The restroom is straight ahead in the parlor, beside the grandfather clock, and the water fountain is to the right at the beginning of the hallway.

Devotional – The worship folder you are holding is also a weekly devotional booklet. The prayers and Scripture readings are appropriate for use at any time during the week. The liturgy itself is a Scripturally based order for daily prayer and devotion with Scriptural references noted where they apply. Even the hymns are appropriate tools for prayer and praise. Finally, there is a daily lectionary of Scripture readings for the rest of the week on the last printed page.

For your convenience there is a cry room for infants, equipped with changing table and supplies, a crib, rocking chairs, blankets, and toys. Simply exit through the double doors back into the narthex, turn right down the hallway, and it is the last room on the left.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Take the Hand of the Lord

Lyrics: B. Anaterr

(Sung to the melody of "Strawberries, Raspberries")

Refrain:

Take the hand of the Lord, let Jesus be your guide!

Through life's ups and downs, he's always at your side!

Take the hand of the Lord, as you learn to forgive.

Take the hand of the Lord, and your soul shall live!

Not so long ago, I wandered aimlessly. My heart filled with regret, I dropped down to my knees! A man who happened by, took pity at my sight. He picked me up and then, he offered this advice... (refrain)

Devoted to the Lord, I followed in his ways. And the Holy Spirit, filled my heart each day! I saw that man again, after many years had passed; He opened heaven's gate, and took me in at last! (refrain)

We all work for the Lord, in some capacity. So strive to do your best, that's responsibility. And when you have done all, that Jesus asks of you, take hold of his hand, and you will join him too! So... (refrain)

Amazing Grace Vocal Soloist: Jim Mosey

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Rejoicing in the abundant and steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus, emboldened and called by the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in the healing and forgiveness of the God who is Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit let us confess our sin.

(Kneel or Stand) Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,

**you call us into the freedom of light and life in your presence,
yet we choose the darkness and bondage of sin.**

Our lives bear the wounds of that sin,

the sin of our own action,

**unholy thoughts, unholy words, unholy deeds,
and the sin of our own inaction,**

injustice ignored, kindness not done, humility not shown.

Heal the wounds of our sin, forgive us, renew us, free us.

Let the power of your Holy Spirit reign over us,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People of God:

When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross. Therefore, 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 sin, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The assembly stands.

Celebrate His Love

We are gathered here today to celebrate his love,

celebrate his love, celebrate his love!

Brothers, sisters join together sing to heaven above,

sing to heaven above, sing to heaven above!

Lord, unite and keep us with thee.

Please make your people all one family.

Teach us to show others that we care

and spread your love everywhere!

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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.

GLORIA

Glory and praises we are ever singing!

Our hearts are lifting and our souls rejoicing!

Alleluia, glory in the highest! Love and unity will always be among us!

Alleluia, glory and all power! We are yours O Lord, always and forever!

(Repeat)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah the 55th chapter.

{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 the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM

This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made; that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad in it; and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans the 9th chapter.

{This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.}

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 ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

Jesus Is the Way

Lyrics: E. Furfari

Refrain: Jesus is the Way! - Jesus is the Way!
What he's got, he's got a lot! - Jesus is the Way!

He started out in Bethlehem, one cold and starry night;
The Son of God was born to everyone's delight! (Refrain)

He ministered in Galilee to lost and needy ones;
The Son of Man was bold, until His work was done! (Refrain)

His victory on Calvary defeated Satan's plan;
Jesus Christ is King -- uniting God with man! (Refrain)

Now He reigns from heaven, after dying for our sins;
Offering forgiveness, so His children win! (Refrain)

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

{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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The assembly remains seated

Together we confess our faith:

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Bless us as we remember the saints at your everlasting feast until we join them at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

Please be seated after the Peace is shared.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let's Share

Lyrics: B. Anater

Like a candle burning bright, God's love shines forth day and night,
showing us a pathway to follow in this world.

Let's share your spirit! Let's share your spirit!

Let's share your spirit, Lord, each and every day!

Talents you have given us, enrich our lives with wonder!

May we develop them to honor our God! (refrain)

Let's share your gifts, Lord. Let's share your gifts!

Let's share your gifts, Lord, each and every day!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS - "Mass of Creation"

Marty Haugen

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All glory to you, Almighty God, heavenly Father:

out of Your great love for us You gave Your only Son Jesus,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life.

It was your Son Jesus

who freely surrendered Himself to suffer death
on the cross for us and for our salvation.

There, on that cross,

He willingly offered Himself up as a full,
perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

By that gift of love and grace

we are your people,

born of water and word,

served, fed, and forgiven at your Holy Table

and called together by Your Holy Spirit.

Therefore we offer ourselves

as disciples who follow

as witnesses to the world

and as living memory of His gift of grace.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son our Lord.

Memorial Acclamation - "When We Eat This Bread"

M. Haugen

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

On the night in which He was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:
Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant
in my blood, shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son our Lord.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

GREAT AMEN - "Mass of Creation"

M. Haugen

Amen, amen, amen! Amen, amen, amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Music: M. Haugen

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours--- now, and forever!

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and who recognize the Sacrament as the true body and blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to the Lord's table at St. David's with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians.

This morning we Commune by **intinction**. The congregation will proceed down the center aisle and receive the host from the pastor. Then, those seated on the right will go right and those seated on the left will go left, receive the chalice from one of the Communion assistants by dipping the host into the chalice. Then everyone returns by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Under The Skies of Blue

Under the skies of blue, kneeling in prayer to You.

We sinners on Earth profess, your love and holiness!

O Jesus we confess, of our unworthiness.

Regretting our sinful past, be with us to the last!

Glorious Lord, shower your love, and all your graces on us!
Say but the Word, our souls to heal, your blessing is enough!
So worship sincerely, pray with love, and thank the Lord above.
Together with all the angels in heaven we will sing our love!

How Great Thou Art

Vocal soloist – Jim Mosey

The assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Just Because the Mass has Ended Lyrics: R. Sida & B. Anater
(Sung to the melody of “Just Because”)

Just because the mass has ended;
Just because it's time to go,
don't forget to carry his message,
to everyone you know.
Tell them to forgive one-another.
Tell them to join hand-in-hand.
Let us pray together for God's blessing
and peace throughout this land!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

QUIET MEDITATION

SENDING HYMN

Christ is Knocking (Sung to the melody of "Johnny's Knocking")

Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ... knocking at your heart.
Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ... knocking at your heart.

Now please give yourself to Jesus. Give your life to Him!
Now please give yourself to Jesus. Give your life to Him!

Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ...knocking at your heart.
Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ...knocking at your heart.

Just pray and you will find the answer;
You must have faith and see!
Just pray and you will find the answer;
you must have faith and see!

Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ...knocking at your heart.
Christ is knocking-- won't you listen? ...knocking at your heart.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We wish to welcome Rosie and the Jammers and thank them so very much for their musical leadership this morning. Those jamming include:

*Rosie Sida
Jim Mosey
Brian Anater
Brian Regala
Judy Gaeta*

The Simplicity of Miracles

When we think of a miracle, often what comes to mind is an amazing, unexplainable occurrence. Today the word *miracle* typically gets associated with events such as someone walking away from a terrible car accident without a scratch, or a cancerous-looking tumor turning out to be benign. But miracles don't have to be amazing and unexplainable in order to be, well, miraculous.

The feeding of the thousands is one of the most well-known miracles of Jesus, and it must be important, because a version of this account appears in all four gospels. But the miracle in the story is not the amazing act of Jesus creating food for thousands of people. Notice that Jesus doesn't actually feed anyone, but tells the disciples, "You give them something to eat" (Matt. 14:16). After Jesus blesses their meager collection of bread and fish, it is the disciples, not Jesus, who give the food to the hungry people. And the miracle doesn't stop there. What is distributed is a feast bountiful enough to satisfy "about five thousand men, besides women and children" (Matt. 14:21)—with leftovers!

Perhaps the real miracle here is not a large, unexplainable act, but a small, simple one, carried out by many people. Where have you seen God at work in the simple sharing of food? When have you experienced abundance in a situation that seemed to promise only disappointment? Where have you seen or participated in an activity, an event, or a movement that appeared to lack resources or broad support but that resulted in real progress or change? There are miracles all around us. And whether we are distributing, sharing, or receiving the bread Jesus gives, we are blessed.

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Daily Readings for the Week August 6-12

Sunday:	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
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Tuesday:	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47
Wednesday:	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39
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Friday:	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28
Saturday:	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4