

**July 25, 2021**  
**The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Prelude and Fugue in G minor*

J.S. Bach

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

ELW #533

**Greeting, Kyrie**

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**The Hymn of Praise** pp. 148-149

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day:** L: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

**Psalm 145:10-18**

L: <sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**C: <sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

L: <sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

L: <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**C: <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

L: <sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**C: <sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

L: <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses

knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem**

*You Are The New Day*

John David, arr. Philip Lawson

Vocal Trio: Hannah Teslow, Hailey Houg, Peyton Verthein

**Children's Message**

**Gospel Acclamation** *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."*

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**The Gospel: John 6:1-21**

**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**Sermon**

Pastor Bryan Robertson

**Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Offering Hymn**

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

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### **The Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:** L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Hymn**

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

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### **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Postlude**

*Intrada in G Major*

Charles W. Ore

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

Sunday, July 25	8:30am
Tuesday, July 27	2:30pm
Sunday, August 1	8:30am
	9:30am

**July 25, 2021 to August 1, 2021**

Worship  
Communion Evergreen Crt &  
Good Sam  
Worship w/communion  
Special Congregational mtg

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Scripture Reader	8:30am	Jon Payne
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
Greeters	8:30am	Bill & Becky Roe Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

**Radio Broadcast Ministry** - Today's radio broadcast is given in remembrance of Deb Tweedy's birthday and our anniversary; given by Alan Tweedy and sons. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

**The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, August 1, after 8:30am services to discuss & decide if we should acquire a neighboring property.

**"NO BAKE"** Church Bake Sale every Sunday in July. Please contribute to the cookie jar: men, women and children. *Thank you*

**Please consider volunteering** for our many Sunday morning activities: usher, scripture reader, greeter, communion assistant, etc. Our volunteers make the church service run smoothly. Contact the Board of Deacons if interested. *Thank you*

**Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 1** at the Spring Grove Fest bldg. Serving from 11am to 1:30pm. **Drive By Only.** Serving: pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, bar, ice cream cup and bottled water. \$10 per meal. Sponsored by Wilmington Lutheran Church. Everyone welcome.