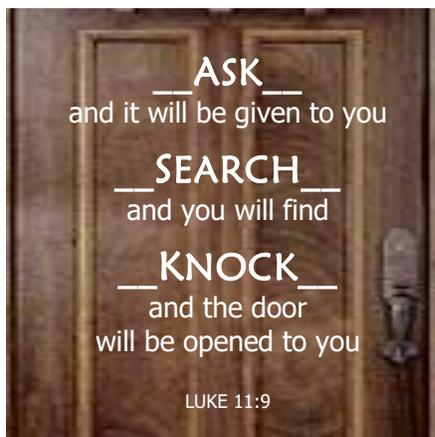


July 27, 2025

After Pentecost, Lect. 17, Yr. C



NOISY
OFFERING
SUNDAY

Summer is a transient time and we won't all be together in these coming weeks, but we will remain united in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, who moves more freely than we can imagine! This Summer in worship, we will share a Journey together with Jesus and his disciples. Each week, we will join in a shared activity for reflection. Contemplative music will play following the sermon to give space to reflect and participate. Blessed be the Journey, and may Christ be with us always!

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Good, Good Father*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN *O God You Search Me* ACS 1082



1 **O God, you search me and you know me.**
2 **You know my rest-ing and my ris - ing.**
3 **Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,**
4 **Al - though your Spir-it is up - on me,**
5 **For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,**



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
You dis - cern my pur-pose from a - far,
you have known its mean-ing through and through.
still I search for shel-ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth-er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
and with love ev-er-last-ing you be - siege me:
You are with me be-yond my un-der-stand-ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



Ev-er the mak - er and keep-er of my days.
In ev-'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu-ture, too.
e-ven the dark - ness is ra-diant in your sight.
safe in your hands, all cre - a-tion is made new.

W Asst PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy.

Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

W Asst FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:20-32

Abraham asks God's mercy for the righteous of Sodom and Gomorrah

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

W Asst PSALM 138 *We read responsively*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

W Asst 2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

Fullness of Life in Christ

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

STAND P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
LUKE 11:1-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother

me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you, search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Kaghondi*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

QSTN: *Who or what are you praying for today?*

★ Take this time to journal or contribute to our shared art piece by writing a few words on a piece of fabric and tying it to the chicken wire display in the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Seek Ye First* WOV 783



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 We do not live by bread a - lone,



and its right - teous - ness,
seek and you shall find;
but by ev - 'ry word



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

STAND APOSTLES CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of Grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—*NOISY* OFFERING

STAND OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

C: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

We Come to the Hungry Feast

No. 479

1 We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind, we come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Come, Let Us Eat

No. 214

Use hymnal

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

STAND SENDING SONG

Send Forth by God's Blessing No. 547

1 **Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

2 **With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ry-day life we will face—our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Ringing of Bell

W Assst DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*

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CCLI Song#4261050 *Untitled Hymn/Come to Jesus (Rice)*

CALENDAR

Su 7-27	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee
We 7-30	6 PM OUTDOOR WED WORSHIP - BYOC
Th 7-31	7 PM AA
Su 8- 3	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 4-6 FAMILY POOL PARTY see below



SUN AUG 3
FAMILY POOL PARTY
4 - 6 PM

At Kenyon Pool/Depot Park. Food Served at 5 pm: hotdogs, chips, watermelon, beverage. Swimming until 6 pm.



WED AUG 13 ROSE FEST
OUTDOOR MOVIE
8 pm. **Needed** - Volunteer Help.



SUN SEPT 7
RALLY DAY
RISE & SHINE BREAKFAST
**** Needed** - FOOD DONATIONS: Pancake Mix, Sausage Links, Syrup, Fresh Fruit.

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