

Celebration!

July 25, 2021

9 Pentecost

Announcements and Parish Concerns

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it !

Love The Lord

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul
with all your mind and with all your strength** *repeat*

**With all your heart - with all your soul - with all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul
with all your mind and with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul
with all my mind and with all my strength** *repeat*

**With all my heart with all my soul with all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength**

**Bridge I will love you (I will love you) I will praise you (I will praise you)
I will serve you (I will serve you) I will trust you Lord (I will trust you)**

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Forever

**Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King - his love endures forever
For he is good he is above all things - his love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise; Sing praise sing praise**

**With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm his love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn - his love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise; Sing praise sing praise**

**Chorus Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong Forever God is with us;
Forever, and ever, forever.**

**From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever and by the grace of God we will carry on -
his love endures forever - sing praise sing praise; sing praise, sing praise** *chorus*

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All Are Welcome

**Chorus All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior.
All are welcome. All are welcome here.**

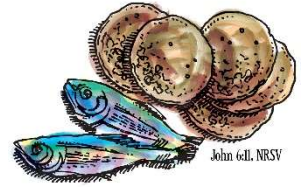
**¹ From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus' feet
To the man who knows the right way but cannot see. (chorus)**

**² From the ones who feel forgotten those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger here you belong. (chorus)**

**³ Go into the streets and cities to the farms and families
Tell about the splendid table - God's mercy. (chorus)**

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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.



Call to Worship

With just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand people.

Every day Jesus feeds millions with the living bread of his body.

After the five thousand ate their fill, the disciples still gathered 12 baskets of bread.

Jesus multiplies every gift given in his name to meet a world of need, with great abundance.

Prayer of the Day

There is bread enough, Lord, to feed the world time and times over. There are storms enough to rock even the steadiest among us to the core. You feed our souls and calm our hearts. We praise you this day for your power and love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 6: 1-21

Sermon: The Rev. Walter Wagner

Give Me Faith

I need you to soften my heart and break me apart

I need you to open my eyes to see that you're shaping my life

Chorus **All I am I surrender**

Give me faith to trust what you say that you're good

and your love is great - I'm broken inside I give you my life

I need you to soften my heart and break me apart

I need you to pierce through the dark and cleanse every part of me *chorus*

'Cause I may be weak but your Spirit's strong in me

My flesh may fail my God you never will *repeat*

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who creates and recreates all that exists. We believe in Jesus, the only Son of God, who came to earth to live as one of us. Jesus lived a life of example and teaching, and sacrificed his own life for the sake of all creation. We believe the Holy Spirit is the presence of God with us. God's Spirit calls us into relationship, builds the church of Christ, and releases God's forgiving power within us. We believe we can experience the love of God through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and the loving community of believers.

Prayers of God's People

Confession

We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world.

Forgiveness

Do not be afraid! God's love is lavished upon you. It is always there for you, offering healing and hope. Rest in God's love.

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we come to the table.

God of comfort and healing, we come again to your table wanting to be refreshed with these elements of love and willing to turn from the things which separate us.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion. We will be using Fellowship Cups for communion today. They contain a wafer packaged on top of a small cup of grape juice and will be distributed to the congregation by the ushers after being blessed on the altar. We will all partake of communion together once all the cups have been distributed. Please discard your used cup in the trays available on your way out of Fellowship Hall at the end of the service. There are gluten free wafers available – please let the usher know if you need one.

Sharing of Holy Communion

**Body of Christ, given for you.
Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Please stand as you are able

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

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

Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. **Amen**

All The People Said Amen

**You are not alone if you are lonely - when you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy to be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need**

Chorus **And all the people said amen whoa - and all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends and all the people said amen**

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter, weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together - God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all** *chorus*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart - blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start for theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God** *chorus*

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We Go Out To Serve Go in Peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**