

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Service of Holy Communion – WOV Setting 5-Bread of Life

GATHERING

+Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

P God, our comforter,

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

+Gathering Hymn

How Small Our Span of Life

ELW 636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more,
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

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Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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+Greeting

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

+Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord. have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ. have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord. have mer - cy:

+Hymn of Praise



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God of welcome, your people are called to be distinct not by width of separation but depth of hospitality and peace within our lives: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread; through Jesus Christ, the companion of many ways.

C Amen.

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel ♦ Mark 9:38–50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Nic Leither

We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so
dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

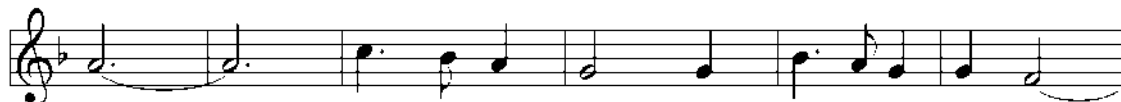
Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Eternal God, in the abundance your love...
...All honor and glory be yours, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us:

**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.**

Communion

P Behold who you are.
Become what you receive.

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Communion Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

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Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



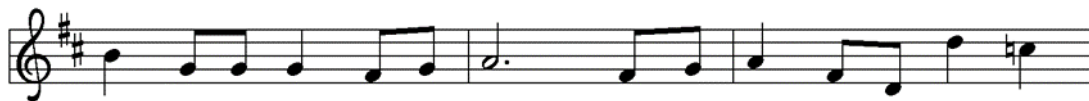
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

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walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P You are the children of God.
Gifted with dreams and visions.
Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire.
May the deep peace of Christ ✝ be with you.
The strong arms of God sustain you.
And the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way.

C **Amen.**

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+Sending Hymn

Go, Make Disciples

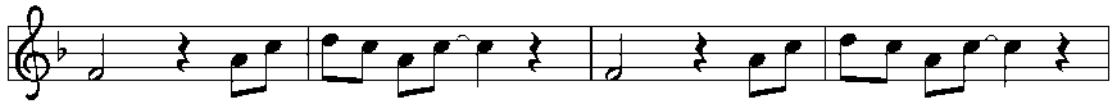
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“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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+Dismissal

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Sonny Pethan (*recovery from stroke*)
José Luis Mendia (*Santi and Diana's father, surgery*)
John Nelson (*Kinna Kemp's uncle, kidney tumor surgery*)
Alice Thurlow (*health and physical rehab*)
Jay (*Ellie Weaver's son's father-in-law, bladder cancer*)
Doug Benson (*home from hospitalization for heart health*)

For homebound members and friends:

Gil Bliss (*skin cancer treatments*) George Devers
Colleen Graham (*broken pelvis recovery*)
James & Marie Hughes
Palma Kruger Les and Diana Ortt
Dorothy Parker Gerry Redlin
Daphne Remington Arlene Selk
Vernita Wild Don Snook & Trish Kulp

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Mark (*Joan Chamber's son*)
Family of Sandra and Rosalino Gonzalez-Tapia (*Sandra (Aitza), Karen, and Adamaris' parents*)
Family of Toni Sinaga's mother

For those with ongoing concerns:

Mark (*Joan Chamber's son, critical COVID-19*)
Jared Elvir and family
Steve Brelsford (*Bob's son, stroke recovery*)
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health and cancer treatments*)
Jeff Martin (*health*)
The Pulido and Nava families
Gene (*physical rehab for partial paralysis, Joan Gustafson's son-in-law*)
Christel Loftesness (*long-term recovery broken hip*)
Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)
Ollie Daniels (*pain/ breathing issues/ cataract surgery recovery*)
Irene Seelmeyer (*at home physical rehab*)
Cesar Lomeli & Alvaro Cassillas Garcia (*nephew & friend of Laura Garcia, missing*)
Jeannie Blom (*former member, corneal transplant surgery*)

Sally Lynch (*pain & breathing issues, physical rehab*)
Norman (*Diana Ratliff's uncle, hospice*)
Ele Lopeman (*health*)
Karen Schelm (*Randy Jensen's daughter*)
Cass (*Ann Howell's granddaughter, car accident*)
Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)
Brian Hodgson (*long-term recovery, heart surgery*)
Bob Hempel (*former member, cancer*)
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)
Lydia Scott (*cancer*)
Patrick Stephenson (*melanoma recurrence*)
Rose Kvern (*health*)
Judith Graham (*Quai Barker's mother, cancer*)
Jeff Gamel (*health*)
Jean Rose (*back pain*)
Sandy Day (*health*)
Jeff (*Hugo Redlin's son, health*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

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If you are in need of help, be it spiritual or in physical resources, please share your need with the church and we will help you as best as we can during this challenging time.