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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence. You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's Gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the One who sent him.*

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## HOLY COMMUNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

### \*GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### \*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is observed for confession and self-examination.*

Gracious and merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

(Sung by leader)

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.
  
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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\*GREETING

*Spoken responsively by the leader and congregation.*

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.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the Exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 78:23-29

*Prayed responsively by the leader and congregation.*

Yet he commanded the skies above,  
and opened the doors of heaven;  
**he rained down on them manna to eat,  
and gave them the grain of heaven.**  
Mortals ate of the bread of angels;  
he sent them food in abundance.  
**He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,  
and by his power he led out the south wind;**  
he rained flesh upon them like dust,  
winged birds like the sand of the seas;  
**he let them fall within their camp,  
all around their dwellings.**  
And they ate and were well filled,  
for he gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Rev. Kenneth Johnson*

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer. *A brief silence is observed.*

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech or silence.*

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints, especially... and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*PEACE

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

MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

\*DIALOGUE

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.**



## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.**

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*Prayed by the congregation.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

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



## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**



**\*SENDING HYMN**

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*  
(Please kindly use a face mask when singing.)

- 1 O bread of life from heaven,  
O food to pilgrims given,  
O manna from above:  
feed with the blessed sweetness  
of your divine completeness  
the souls that want and need your love.**
  
- 2 O fount of grace redeeming,  
O river ever streaming  
from Jesus' wounded side:  
come now, your love bestowing  
on thirsting souls, and flowing  
till all are fully satisfied.**
  
- 3 We love you, Jesus, tender,  
in all your hidden splendor  
within these means of grace.  
Oh, let the veil be riven,  
and our clear eye in heaven  
behold your glory face to face.**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862-1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893, st. 2

**\*DISMISSAL**

*Spoken responsively by the congregation.*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Kenneth Johnson

ASSISTING MINISTER

John Broussard

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

John Kostelny

GREETERS

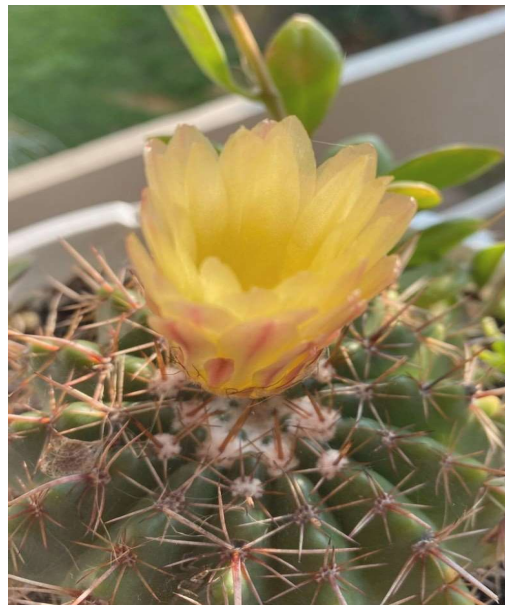
Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

USHER

Janet Broussard

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Ruth Bakalich



*Flowering Cactus. Photo by Peggy Lauritsen Swenson.*

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Members of the Congregation:* Larry Crachy, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Dot Myers, George Pagurko, Steve Podzamsky, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel and Olga Zavodny

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of **+Anne+ and +Jacob Drahos+** from their remembering family.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

*Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221*

*Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>*

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2020:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00

### Sabbath Poem VII

*by Wendell Berry (born 1934)*

The clearing rests in song and shade.

It is a creature made

By old light held in soil and leaf,

By human joy and grief,

By human work,

Fidelity of sight and stroke,

By rain, by water on

The parent stone.

We join our work to Heaven's gift,

Our hope to what is left,

That field and woods at last agree

In an economy

Of widest worth.

High Heaven's Kingdom come on earth.

Imagine Paradise.

O Dust, arise!