

Family Worship for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – August 2, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.** (*Ps 124:8*)

If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you?

But with you is forgiveness; therefore, you are adored. (*Ps130:3-4*)

As we gather to hear God's Word, let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins, trusting in his infinite mercy for forgiveness and asking for his Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Almighty God, have mercy on me, hear this my confession, forgive all my sins, and renew me by your Holy Spirit for right living. (*Silent confession*)

In Holy Baptism our merciful God has declared us to be his royal children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake, our risen Savior and Lord. Give praise now to the Lord of heaven and earth and live joyfully as his witnesses in the world. **Amen**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

² Give thanks to the God of gods, for **his steadfast love endures forever.**

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁷ to him who made the great lights, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁸ the sun to rule over the day, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

²³ It is he who remembered us in our low estate, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

²⁵ he who gives food to all flesh, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN [I Love to Tell the Story](#) (*With Lyrics*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. **Open your hand to give us all that we need to serve you in body and soul and keep us faithful through all the tribulations of life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-5

SECOND READING – Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL VERSE (*Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can*)

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

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 14. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 14:13-21

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

MESSAGE

HYMN [Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service](#) *(With Lyrics)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW #551, st.3)*

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
**Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!**

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING *(Romans 15:13)*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN [Take My Life, that I May Be](#) *(With Lyrics)*

EXTRA

[Pastor Dave: Fill the Tank](#)

[Feeding the Five Thousand](#) *(Children's Message)*

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PRAYERS

O God, you summon us to come to the banquet of your salvation and to take our soul's delight without cost. Help us always to hunger for you in our lives. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Father, the human ancestry of your beloved Son belongs to the people of Israel. Watch over your Jewish people and prosper them in their land in righteousness. Open their hearts to the gospel that your chosen remnant may be joined with us in service to you under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious Father, your Son multiplied the loaves and fishes to give the hungry crowds their daily bread. Help us, as his disciples, to pray and work to provide daily bread to the hungry and poor in our generation. Bless, we pray the people and ministries of the Manna House in Rincon, as well as all the food pantries in our County, the Meals on Wheels program, and every church and agency working to respond to our economic downturn in the pandemic. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for our nation and its leaders. Raise up those who will lead by righteous example and restrain those who would lead us to destruction. As American people, help us to reaffirm what is good in our national story and prick our conscience to put away everything that is evil. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our pray for parents, students, teachers, and all school employees throughout the land. In these new and trying times, protect them from illness. Grant them all patience and wisdom to deal with uncertain routines, new and profound challenges, and the anxiety of others. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for medical personnel, first responders, and especially doctors, nurses, and employees in our hospitals who are still giving their best effort to care for Covid patients. Empower them body and soul for continued service and bless their efforts by bringing healing and recovery to all. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Sarah Smith. Once again be her Strength and Deliverer as she battles cancer in her body. Encourage Floyd, Cheyenne and Jamie, as they lift their prayers to put their trust in you. Let your healing power bring you glory in our sight.

Hear our prayer for Ruby & Earl Neurath. Grant healing to their ailments and help them rest their faith and hope in your gracious care.

Hear our prayer for Helen Zeigler and give peace and comfort to her mind in the midst of her dementia. Protect her from self-harm or harming others, and in your gracious time, call her into your eternal kingdom.

Hear our prayer for Jason Pridgen, Amy Holcomb, Don Hasty, Marie Callahan, Pat Gollihue, Jeff Byrd, David & Shirley Hogan, Cathy Conaway, Keith Cornell, Ann Reiser, Rick Boyd, Pam Moore, Mary Jane Duff, and Robie Hester. And also for those we lift before you silently.... (moment of silence)

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we have prayed, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for August 2, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Ruby & Earl Neurath, health problems (C. Bazemore, 7.30.2020)
Helen Zeigler, dementia difficulties (A. Terry, 7.26.2020)
Jason Pridgen, still suffering with liver problems, friend of Betty Robinson (7.22.20)
Amy Holcomb undergoing cancer treatments (R. Ratliff, 7.22.20)
Don Hasty suffering from heart troubles (D. Vorel, 7.22.20)
Marie Callahan recovering from a Brain Aneurysm (S. Sommervold, 7.19.2020)
Pat Gollihue on diagnosis of bone cancer (R. Zipperer, 7.19.2020)
Jeff Byrd on diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (L. Byrd, 7.19.2020)
Shirley Hogan hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Cathy Conaway, hospitalized with Covid 19 (K. Warnell, 7.19.2020)
Keith Cornell, paralysis and due for surgery (J. Helmlly, 7.19.2020)
Ann Reiser, undergoing cancer treatments (M. Reiser, 6.28.2020)
Rick Boyd, multiple health problems (C. Boyd, 6.21.2020)
Pam Moore, surgery after a bad fall (B. Helmlly, 6.13.2020)
Mary Jane Duff, hospitalized for heart problems (K. Hall, 6.7.2020)
Robie Hester, recovering from bypass surgery (M. Reiser, 5.31.20)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Brenda Dasher and family on death of her cousin, JW Porter (7.19.2020)
Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)
Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)
Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)
Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Michael Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer;
Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home); Keith Cornell (Paralysis;Helmlly); Clyde Johnson
(Home;Muthersbaugh); Thomas Owens (Home;Garner); Clay Stewart(Dementia;Sommervold);
Dale Williams (Nursing facility; B.Williams)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” - Isaiah 55:1

At the orphan care project in Malawi, Africa, where I have spent many weeks over the course of several journeys, there is a miracle of a well off to the side of the primitive community hall. The small village where the kids come to eat and learn about Christ has a plot of land which is called “Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry.” There are no signs to help one find it, yet every single person in the village knows exactly where it is and what goes on there. It is the site of a well that anyone can come to in order to fill up their buckets and pans. The water is clean and cold and refreshing. It’s also free and available for all who thirst.

Before there was a well in Kanyenyeva, there was large muddy water hole with an opening that led down a steep hill right into murky, fly infested, stagnant water. The elephants drink from there when they come down from the hills. The dogs and other animals that wander by take a drink from this dirty water. They also do their “business” near or in the water. This used to be the only source of water for miles that was available to those who were not Muslims. The Muslims in the village have a nice well. It pumps clean, clear water, but if you are not a Muslim, you are not permitted to draw water from the well, no matter how parched you might be. I’m not sure how that is enforced but somehow it is.

10 years ago, money was raised to drill a well for everyone on the KOCM property. When the foreman and his crew brought all of the big, heavy equipment, they drilled and drilled to no avail. As the foreman was about to call it quits, the women of the village were nearby praying. They begged for him not to stop. They were so convincing that the foreman started his machinery up again with the caveat, “I have been doing this work for 25 years and I can tell you for certain: there is NO water here!” The women continued to pray, confident that God would provide this much needed spring of life. As the process commenced, it wasn’t long that water began to gush up to the surface! What a joyous day that was! God came through for his people again and everyone, no matter their religion or lack thereof, is invited to come and draw water from the well in Kanyenyeva!

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Fill the Tank (of Compassion) - Pastor Dave

The compassion of Jesus for a lost and dying world compelled him to go to the cross to confront and defeat the powers of sin, death and the devil. It was compassion that he felt toward the harassed crowds of Israel during his earthly ministry (Mt. 9:35-38) and for which he asked that the church pray to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers to go into the field. As we look ahead this year to engaging the harvest fields of Effingham, here are four suggestions to help us begin filling our tanks with Christ’s compassion.

- 1) Set an alarm for 12noon on your phone/watch. Say a short prayer asking for God to fill you with divine compassion and to send laborers into the harvest.
- 2) For those who like to blog/write/express themselves, please feel free to write out prayer petitions around the harvest/compassion theme and mail them to blc.rincon@gmail.com. Pastor will use them on Sundays during the Prayers of the Church.
- 3) Evangelism Committee will be running a children’s Art Exhibition, kicking off on Sunday School Promotion Sunday, August 9. Details to follow...
- 4) Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring a congregational Prayer Vigil before we gather for our congregational planning meeting on Sept. 19. Details to follow...

His Steadfast Love

Find the 31 bold words from Psalm 136:1-9 (ESV).

S T E A D F A S T G Z Q G D A
H Y C R E H E X L O Q N S A L
W S D O G N I V U O I C R E O
S K Z Z K G D T O D R V A R N
R E V E R O F U N B S D T P E
G U O E S E M A R R A H S S D
O S A D L A T O E E G W L V A
D T K U K S H T O I S O Z C M
E X R N R E A L N N V N U S M
G I V E A W F O O E A D P P L
L H D V Z H Z H T R A E Y X A
O N E Z Y C T C L P D R B A L
U N L I G H T S D R O S E O D
S U H R O V E R Y G L F U P X
L L Y I C Y D Y A G J Y E P B

Give thanks to the **LORD**, for he is **good**, for his **steadfast love** endures forever. Give thanks to the **God of gods**, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the **Lord of lords**, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who **alone does great wonders**, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by **understanding** made the **heavens**, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who **spread out the earth above the waters**, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who **made the great lights**, for his steadfast love endures forever; the **sun to rule over the day**, for his steadfast love endures forever; the **moon and stars to rule over the night**, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Five Loaves and Two Fish

Find the 38 bold words from Matthew 14:14-21 (ESV)

N O I S S A P M O C C I A S D
E A T H B G S E D H Q L M E E
V N D E Q R V E I O L S L D I
I U W A I I O L L E O A F I F
G E O V F P D K T P E F U S S
D E R E D R O A E H I C L E I
V S C N E Y L D N E S C L B T
F S T N S O B T L S T N S X A
R I M E S E W L I O H F E I S
E T S E K E C C E Y O S E M D
V E D H L S K E U S S U K Q L W
O U E V E T A B I S S T E H O
Y N E K O R B B E P A I W D M
L O A V E S D J I I N P N O E
Y V I L L A G E S X D V L G N

When he went ashore he saw a great **crowd**, and he had **compassion** on them and **healed their sick**. Now when it was evening, the **disciples** came to him and said, "This is a **desolate** place, and the day is now over; **send** the crowds away to go into the **villages** and **buy food** for themselves." But **Jesus** said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only **five loaves** here and **two fish**." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he **ordered** the crowds to **sit** down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he **looked** up to heaven and said a **blessing**. Then he **broke** the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they **all ate** and were **satisfied**. And they took up **twelve baskets full** of the **broken pieces left over**. And those who ate were about **five thousand men, besides women and children**.

BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS – Today’s altar flowers are given by Walton & Sandra White in honor of Pastor Dave and his family.

BACK PACK BLESSING

The school year starts this week so we will be blessing our students, teachers, and all school employees during worship. Let us all pray to the Lord to protect and keep safe all who are heading back to school!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special called congregational meeting after worship on August 16, 2020, for the purpose of creating a paid youth ministry coordinator position and amending the 2020 church budget to pay for such position.

No other matters may be discussed at this meeting.

Information regarding this meeting will be publicized in the weeks before and all congregants are asked to direct any questions to Pastor or members of Council. Please pray for guidance on this matter.

Thank you.....Beth Helmly, Council President.

WORSHIP RESTART

Church Council, after consultation with the Worship & Music Committee, has set the date of Sept. 13 as the date we resume our normal worship activities. In the meantime, a congregational survey will be mailed out to solicit input on ways to serve the whole congregation during this time of the coronavirus. Don't forget that Holy Communion is being offered by Pastor Dave by request. This can be done immediately after Sunday worship or at any other time during the week. Simply text or call: 912-661-8735.

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

June 2020	Beginning Bal.	Donations	Expenses	Ending Bal.
General Fund	\$155,899.13	\$12,728.50	(\$15,177.63)	\$153,450.00
Building Fund	\$60,835.33	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$61,435.33
Cemetery Fund	\$3,340.33	\$0.29	\$0.00	\$3,340.62
Theological Fund	\$3,647.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,647.20
Memorial Fund	\$7,515.98	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$7,516.10
Youth Fund	\$15,569.61	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$16,069.61
Total Funds	\$246,807.58	\$13,828.91	(\$15,177.63)	\$245,458.86

General Fund Donations June 2020 _____ \$12,728.50
Monthly General Fund Requirement _____ - \$ 17,727.08
Over/(Short) General Fund for June 2020 _____ (\$4,998.58)

PLAN AHEAD:

8/2 Blessing of the Backpacks - during Worship
8/6 Property Committee Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
8/9 Finance Committee Mtg. after worship
8/10 Church Council Mtg. @ 6:30 PM
8/10-8/12 Fellowship Hall being used by Board of Elections
8/18 Quilter’s Group 10A-2PM (Bring lunch 😊)
8/18 AFPAG (Foster Parents) Mtg. @ 6:00 PM
8/24 Annual GRITS Mtg Helmly River House
8/29 Fellowship Hall being rented
9/2 Christian Education Meeting
9/13 Sunday School Kick-off/Promotion

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Crucifer –
Altar Care –
Head Usher –
Lector – Karen Williams
Musician – Karen Warnell