

# **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

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## GATHERING

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the  
ways  
of the world in which we live.  
We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you.  
Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

### Gathering Song

## Greeting

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.**

## KYRIE

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**Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.**  
**Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.**

## Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE WORD

### Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Our hearts burn within us**  
**as you open to us the scriptures.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### The Holy Gospel

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***  
[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)  
*Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day:**

*#780 "Shepherd Me, O God" (Congregation Sings Refrain)*

### **Apostle's Creed**

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their  
journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may  
have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The 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.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

## **Announcements**

**We have updated our procedures with the latest recommendations from the CDC: masks are not required for those who have been fully vaccinated but are welcome for anyone who wants or needs to continue to wear them.** For the safety and comfort of those not yet vaccinated for Covid 19 or with underlying health risks, please be considerate when sharing the peace, and please use the courtyard for conversations following worship.

**Last Sunday's special offering at Church in the Park** given to support the ministry of **Family Promise** raised **\$485**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**The Ascension Transition Team have submitted their report to the Council** along with the first draft of the **Ministry Site Profile**. **The Call Committee** for selecting the next settled pastor will be appointed by the Congregation Council soon.

**We are looking for volunteers to staff the Audio-visual equipment** for broadcasting worship over Zoom and livestreaming in the future. Training sessions will be offered in the coming weeks.

**We have reached approximately 79%** of the goal for the purchase of the livestreaming and audio equipment. Thank you for your generous support!

## SENDING

### Blessing

Life is short,  
And we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who  
make the journey with us.  
So... be swift to love,  
and make haste to be kind.  
And the blessing of the triune God,  
who made us,  
who loves us,  
and who travels with us  
be with you now and forever.

### Sending Hymn

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

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