

**We Remember in Prayer...**

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Vacation Bible School beginning this week! Given by Anita Sease.*



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Song *Morning Has Broken* W&P #98

We Confess our Sins and Receive Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Song *The Summons* W&P #137 vs. 1,3,5

We Worship and Praise the Lord

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the presence of His Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners,  
**Jesus feeds me with His body and blood!**  
Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners,  
**Jesus receives the prayer and pleas of all God's children!**  
Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners,  
**Jesus forgave the sins and breathed new life into God's people!**  
Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners,  
**Jesus will raise us up to life everlasting!**  
Amen, Thanks be to God!  
**All praise, glory and honor to the Risen, living Son, Jesus Christ! Amen!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Words of Institution**

In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, He gave thanks. He 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 to his disciples, saying, "Take and drink. This is the blood of the new covenant, given and shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in faith and hope this day and always, **Amen.**

Go into the world in Jesus' Name. Breathe new life. Dream dreams. Pursue visions. Speak of the goodness of our God. May our Father give you hope in your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your Holy advocate, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn *All Are Welcome* ELW #641

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

## Prayers for the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of the poor and broken, Savior and Lord of every Sinner, thank you for welcoming those we are so quick to judge. Thank you for accepting those we are so quick to reject. Thank you for loving those we are so quick to hate. Forgive the tax collector in all of us. Forgive the sinners we are. We pray for gracious spirits, patient hearts and arms that lift up the neighbor. Savior and Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of the poor and broken, Savior and Lord of every Sinner, thank you for your steadfast mercy. Thank you for your amazing grace. Thank you for your heaven-sent welcome to children in darkness and need. Forgive our unkind words. Forgive our judgment. Send your Spirit to create within us new hearts. We pray for gracious spirits, patient hearts and arms that lift up the neighbor. Savior and Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of the poor and broken, Savior and Lord of every Sinner, thank you for feeding the hungry. Thank you for comforting the convicted. Thank you for saving a thief. Give us courage to speak justice for the poor. Give us hope to share with the lonely and the lost. We pray for gracious spirits, patient hearts and arms that lift up the neighbor. Savior and Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of the poor and broken, Savior and Lord of every Sinner, thank you for caring for the poor in spirit. Thank you for comforting the grieving, the family in despair. Thank you for lifting up the discouraged and depressed. Open our eyes O Lord for every need around us. Open our hearts for every hurt before us. Open our hands to lift up the fallen and forsaken. We pray for gracious spirits, patient hearts and arms that lift up the neighbor. Savior and Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of the poor and broken, Savior and Lord of every sinner. Hear the prayers of your children for the needs of our world, community, family and friends, (Pastor prays for national, local needs and the prayer concerns of God's people). Healing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your Hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the healing name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Pentecost Praise Song

**May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father,  
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.  
May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father,  
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.  
Forever and ever. Forevermore. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together. **O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

### We Hear God's Holy Word

#### Scripture Lesson

**Hosea 5:15 – 6:6**

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: <sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, **and he will heal us**; he has struck down, **and he will bind us up.** <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day **he will raise us up, that we may live before him.** <sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; **he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.**” <sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### Scripture Lesson

**Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the

adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> **No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.** <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> **but for ours also.** It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> **who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.** This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” **And he got up and followed him.** <sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, **many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.** <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, **but those who are sick.** <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ **For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.**” <sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing

her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” **And they laughed at him.** <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, **he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.** <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **We Hear God’s Word for Daily Living**

**Sermon**

*“Street People...”*

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The 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.**

**Sharing the Peace**

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

**Offering of Our Gifts/Distribution**

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***