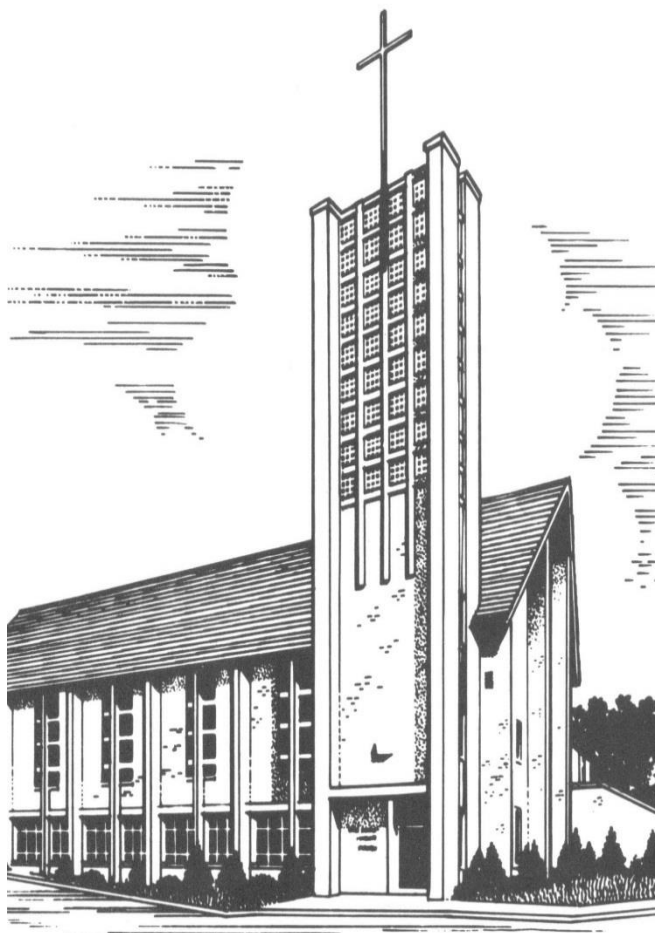


# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2015

8:00 a.m.



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**WELCOME**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION** *(Stand)* “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644*

**INVOCATION** *LSB 184*

**EXHORTATION** *LSB 184*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**CONFESSION OF SINS** *(Kneel)* *LSB 184*

**ABSOLUTION** *LSB 185*

**INTROIT** *(Stand)* *Ps. 147:7–11; antiphon: Ps. 145:16*



You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.  
Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!  
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.  
He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.  
His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.  
You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**KYRIE**

[Tune: Amazing Grace]

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,  
Receive our prayers and praise,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,  
For Your amazing grace.

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Tune: New Britain, Public domain.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

[Tune: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing]

Angels, sing, and earth reply:

"Glory be to God on high!"

God who flung the stars in space,  
God who formed the human race,  
God the mind and God the cause,  
God the source of nature's laws,  
God of wisdom, power, and love,  
God of gods, all gods above.

Angels, sing, and earth reply:

"Glory be to God on high!"

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"Glory be to God on high!"

God who saw your creatures fall,  
Loved them still, and loved them all,  
Gave Your only Son to prove  
What is mercy, what is love;  
And the Spirit, given free,  
Recreates Your family.

Angels, sing, and earth reply:

"Glory be to God on high!"

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(Sit)*

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to

you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 2:11–22*

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:30–44*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(Sit)

**SERMON HYMN**

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

*LSB 540*

*verses 1, 2, 5, 6*

**SERMON**

“Take and Eat”

based on the Gospel reading

<b>NICENE CREED</b> <i>(Stand)</i>	
<b>OFFERING</b> <i>(Sit)</i>	
<b>OFFERTORY</b> <i>(Stand)</i>	LSB 192
<b>PRAYER OF THE CHURCH</b>	
<b>PREFACE</b>	LSB 194
<b>SANCTUS</b>	LSB 195
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>	LSB 196
<b>THE WORDS OF OUR LORD</b>	LSB 197
<b>PAX DOMINI</b>	LSB 197
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	LSB 198
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b> <i>(Sit)</i>	
“Children of the Heavenly Father”	LSB 725
“Christ Be My Leader”	LSB 861
“I'm But a Stranger Here”	LSB 748
<b>NUNC DIMITTIS</b> <i>(Stand)</i>	LSB 199
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	LSB 200
<b>POST-COMMUNION COLLECT</b>	
<b>SALUTATION</b>	LSB 201
<b>BENEDICAMUS</b>	LSB 202
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	LSB 202
<b>HYMN TO DEPART</b> “Praise The Almighty”	LSB 797 sts. 1, 3, 5
<b>ANNOUCEMENTS</b> <i>(Sit)</i>	
<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENTS</b>	

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Lisa Lock;  
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 7/12/15 (8:00 a.m. 79, 10:45 a.m. 47 );7/13/15 6:30 p.m. 11

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## **Applying Biblical Teachings**

“ . . . remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).

To simply take this passage and comment that it is a good moral saying by which we should all try to live would be wrong. To take these words simply by themselves, as something Dr. Luke alone recorded for posterity would be to miss the point.

First, we must come to the realization that by nature, we are sinful and unclean. There is no goodness or worthiness in us. We must confess that we are poor miserable sinners who would by nature not give anything to anyone unless it benefitted us. This benefit may be self-adulation, public adoration, or the hope of receiving a better position or rewards in this life or the life hereafter. But whatever the case, these reasons are born of selfishness and sin. They are what Isaiah described as “filthy rags” in God’s sight.

It should not surprise us, then, that the Holy Spirit inspired these words to be recorded by Dr. Luke at the end of a persuasive dissertation by St. Paul of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And it should not surprise us that the words which immediately follow this text are, “When he [Paul] had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed” (Acts 20:36). Dr. Martin Franzmann best captures what is underlying these recorded words of Jesus when he refers to this passage of Scripture as “the power of the Word of the Lord made perfect in weakness.”

True Christian love, the love that emulates Christ, the all-giving Servant, does not come by our own reason or strength, for we as sinners are weak and cannot do any good work. True Christian love was born of the cross of Jesus Christ and is worked in us by the power of the Word and Sacrament. The perfect power of God’s Word works in our weakness. By the power of the Gospel we show true Christian love, a love that does not chase selfishly after that which is good to enjoy. Rather, it seeks to provide for those in need with no expectation of anything in return in this life or of special considerations in the next.

Jesus is the model. He continues to give His unselfish devotion and service to all, even though many reject Him. St. Paul, by the power of the Gospel, lived and preached the model of the suffering servant which is ours to live and preach as well. It is only in the role of the servant, a role of unquestioned devotion and service to the glory of God and for the benefit of man, that our faith will find its proper expression and application.

Yes, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," for in Christ, to give is to be like Christ.