

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 18 A

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Focus on the Season: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 A

When thousands sought food, Jesus fed them and satisfied them. But he did this with the help of the disciples, who are now beginning to realize they are part of God's mission as much as Jesus is. "You give them something to eat," Jesus tells them. As we follow Christ ourselves, this also dawns on us, that we are sent as bread for the hungry, always empowered with Christ's abundance.

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Centering and Gathering

*Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: *The introduction to the Entrance Hymn serves as the prelude.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 658, "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, year C, May 12, 2013.

Word

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Apostolic greeting is on the video)

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31; reader – Brad Holt, lector

²² At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.

Recorded on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 by members of the Cantorei.

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ¹ to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from ¹ lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence; * let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.

³Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.

⁴I have not regarded what ¹ others do; * at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent.

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path; * and my feet ¹ do not slip.

⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me; * incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.

⁷Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness, * O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who ¹ rise up against them.

¹⁵But at my vindication I shall ¹ see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- ¹ ing your likeness.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5; reader – David Engen, assisting minister

Paul writes: ¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² 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 own people, my kindred 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 them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, “Alleluia”

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted 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 for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

Meeting God in the Wilderness

Vicar Bristol Reading

Silence for reflection

HYMN: ELW 767, “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 19 A, August 13, 2017.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, David Engen, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Lord's Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 729, "The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

Introduction recorded on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 17 B, July 26, 2015.

Stanzas recorded on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2015, Stanza 1 – Children's Choir

DISMISSAL *Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Praeludium in g minor, BUXWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude

Recorded on the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 31 C, November 10, 2013.

Organist – Interim Cantor William Beckstrand



In Our Prayers

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Ethel Jaarsma, mother of Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd*

Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Charlene Newhouse, aunt of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Miranda and Nathan Alvis, niece and nephew of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapaja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.