

Service for the Lord's Day

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Holy God, you send Jesus to show the abundance of your love. With five loaves and two fish he fed a multitude. He fills us still with the extravagance of his grace. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

*INTROIT #835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

North American Hymn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

Come to Christ. Come, eat and be filled.

By the grace of God, there is plenty for all.

*HYMN #65

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hughes, 1907

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful, always willing to listen to our prayers, and to hear our hearts. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our gracious Sovereign. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You bless us so generously, but we deny your blessing to others. You provide for us so richly, but we are slow to share your gifts. Forgive us once again. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may proclaim with gratitude the great abundance of your love, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, my friends! Come to the One who covers us with compassion, who feeds us on grace and mercy. Come and hear of your sin, washed clean!

What good news! Everyone who thirsts is given water; everyone who hungers is fed; everyone who sins is forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Bibles, p. 644/LG. p.838

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #358

“Steal Away”

African American Spiritual

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14: 6-21

Bibles, p.15/ LG. p.19

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Table for Five Thousand?”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How has Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

“Christ has appointed the ministers of the Word in the administration of this Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use by the words of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer; to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants; who are by the same appointment to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine; in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was given and his blood shed for them.” This we believe. Amen.

– The Larger Catechism 7.279

