

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
On-Line Service ~ July 18, 2021*



Servants United Parish

“Cooperating in God’s Name”

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Introduction: Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P: When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need. Our Gospel Reading is from the Sixth Chapter of Mark:

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak" ELW #676
(see next page)

Apostles' Creed

P: 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.**

Prayers of the People

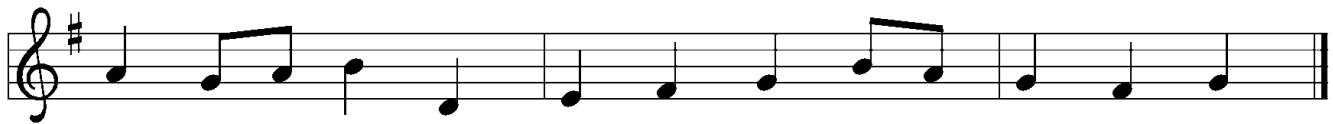
Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Offering

P: We give to God out of the generosity that God has given us. Please take this time to write a check and send it to the congregation of your choice.

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Servants United Parish Events

Servants United Parish website address: www.servantsunitedparish.org

Central/Southern Illinois Synod website address: www.csis-elca.org

Pr Chrissy will be on vacation from Tuesday, July 20 – Tuesday, July 27. Please contact Pr Jim Reents or Pr Dave Caster for Pastoral care.

We would also like to welcome Pr Dave Castner as our new interim. He began July 15, 2021.

[Note from our new Interim](#)

I have been asked by the exalted, most holy, Pastor Chrissy to introduce myself. I'm not sure how to do that exactly in one paragraph so I'll just give you a quick overview. First of all, I am married to Timorie (just call her "T") and we have a 15-year-old son named Liam. It's easiest to say we're from the Rocky Mountain West because we've lived in Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, and Colorado to name a few. My experience has been everything from a laborer and heavy equipment operator in mining to a chaplain in a nursing home and a lot of things in-between. What I think you can expect from me is this; I enjoy ministry and like to have fun and laugh. I believe worship is a celebration of a divine gift in, and from Jesus, and as such, I would hope you leave feeling happier than you arrived. It'll take time to get to know each other but I'm looking forward to it so feel free to ask me anything. I'll see you soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

Online Event and Service Schedules

- Sunday Services: Led by Pastors Chrissy Salser and Jim Reents – Recording to be placed on Facebook/Parish Website
- 3rd Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship, 2:00pm: Time for fellowship via Zoom following Sunday Service
- Daily Devotions: Led by Duane Roelfs – Recording on Facebook each morning
- Every Friday 9:30am-11:00am: Women’s Bible Study with Pastor Chrissy via Zoom (Online/Phone Access) reading Paul’s Letter to the Galatians
- July 24, 2021 (9:00am) St. John’s, Anchor: Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- August 1, 2021 (2:00pm – 4:00pm) Trinity, Chenoa: Parish Council Meeting
- August 1, 2021 (4:30pm) Trinity, Chenoa: Home Communion Training
- August 18, 2021 (4:30pm): Parish Joint Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Additional Services

- “Sing for Joy” from St. Olaf College (MN) from 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. each Sunday morning on WGCY – 106.3 in Gibson City, sponsored by St. John’s, Anchor.
- “Moments of Grace” by Pastors Chrissy and Jim Reents from 7:30 – 7:45 a.m. each Sunday morning on WGCY – 106.3 FM in Gibson City, sponsored by Servants United Parish.

Zoom Instructions Did you know that Zoom is available, not just on a computer, tablet or smart phone? You can access the Bible studies via landline. Here’s how:

Friday Women’s Bible Study: 9:30AM

Meeting ID: 179 023 350 Password: 875973

Join Zoom Meeting by going through the website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179023350?pwd=SmtJaGlrNm03OWt0cnUzWmZCRUc3dz09>

or call from your landline or cell phone +13126266799 (follow prompts), 179023350# (Meeting ID), 1#, 875973# (password)

Sunday Coffee Hour and Fellowship: 2:00 pm

Meeting ID: 897 3191 9475 Passcode: 849035

Join Zoom Meeting by going through the website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89731919475?pwd=Tmk4VHVmRmd2TklSdXRFVIBKMXM2dz09>

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