

**OFFERTORY:** *(Sung, TLH p. 12)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign book at end of pew.)*

PRAYERS

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

BLESSING

**HYMN: #428 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST:

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 Service

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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2008

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Please, take home any of the material found on the tables in the entrance, and we hope you will join us every week for worship in Jesus' name.

WE THANK Rev. Norman Ruthenbeck for leading us in worship today. May our Lord and Savior Jesus bless his ministry in our midst!

**8:00am**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN: #387 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” vs. 1-4**

INVOCATION

**CONFESSION OF SINS:**

P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**GLORIA PATRI + KYRIE + GLORIA:** *(Sung, TLH p. 6-9)*

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. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Glory be to God on high. And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

*I* “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

EPISTLE: Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH:** *(Sung, TLH p. 10)*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

*13* When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. *14* When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. *15* As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” *16* Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” *17* “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. *18* “Bring them here to me,” he said. *19* And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. *20* They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. *21* The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SONG: “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

1. Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Tho’ He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.  
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SERMON - “What’s for Lunch?”