

**August 4, 2019 – 10:00 am**  
**8th Sunday After Pentecost**



**PSALM 107:1 "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD BECAUSE HE IS GOOD, HIS FAITHFUL LOVE LASTS FOREVER!"**

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- \*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” William Runyon**

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

**MANY: We are here to thank you.**

One: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

**MANY: We are here because we trust you.**

One: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

**MANY: We are here to praise you.**

One: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

**MANY: We celebrate your grace.**

**ALL: We come to give thanksgiving and praise to the God who is Love to all.**

### \*OPENING HYMN: NCH 6

**“Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good”**

### \*CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

When we could be revived by God's grace, we find ourselves fearing God's judgment, doubting God's joy in us, fearing God has turned away from us. Let us come to the One who heals us and calls each of us by name.

Please join me as we pray,

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?**

**Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes to we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

**Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn decaying swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into cords of compassion; sinners into servants.**

**God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Hosea 11:1-11 Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 107:1-9 Page 693**

EPISTLE READING: **Colossians 3:1-11** Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL READING: **Luke 12:13-21**

This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON: **“Are We Known by What We Own  
or Whose We Are?”**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH 397**

**“Thank Our God for Sister, Brothers”**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

(Beginning with silent personal prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our Prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: **“Look to the Savior”** Bertha R. Frick

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**We offer not only our gifts, Compassionate God, but  
our time, so we might spend more moments with the  
lonely; our words, so the voiceless might be healed;  
our hands, that the hungry might be fed; our hearts, so  
that the rejected might find a home. We pray this in  
the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION: NCH 5 Selection B (On Screen)**

**INVITATION: NCH 787**

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God.  
Men and women, youth and children,  
Come from the east and the west,  
From the north and the south,  
and gather about Christ's table.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have  
refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence  
of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for  
one another, and send us forth into the world in  
courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy  
Spirit. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 425**

**"For the Fruit of all Creations"**

\*BENEDICTION: Glory to the Creator, who give us life!  
Glory to Christ, the servant of love!  
Glory to the Spirit, who empowers us  
forward!

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **TUNE: "Amazing Grace"**  
**The love of God, with peace and joy,**  
**Will each of us attend,**  
**And guide our ways through coming days,**  
**until we meet again. *(Written by N.S. Thistle)***

\*POSTLUDE **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**  
**Benton Price**