

# Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?



## St. John's Lutheran Church

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarkston, WA  
10:30 am Summer Worship Service  
[www.ClarkstonLutheran.org](http://www.ClarkstonLutheran.org)  
Watch the Service on YouTube  
(Search: St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA)

## Peace Lutheran Church

13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID  
8:30 am Summer Worship Service  
[orofino.clclutheran.org](http://orofino.clclutheran.org)  
Organist: Sue Martin  
Members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession – CLC

## Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 16 (front of the hymnal p. 120)

The Hymns: 11, 372, 755, 401

*Pre-service Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn 11

#### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation sings:**

A - men.

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

**All:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



**C**

A - men.

(congregation is seated)

### The Introit

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.

*This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.*

**P:** As for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice:

**C:** He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

**P:** God shall hear and afflict them, even He who abides from of old:

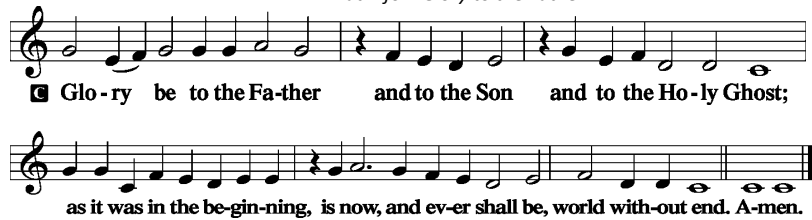
**C:** Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you.

**P:** I will love You, O God, my Strength:

**C:** The Lord is also my Rock and my Fortress.

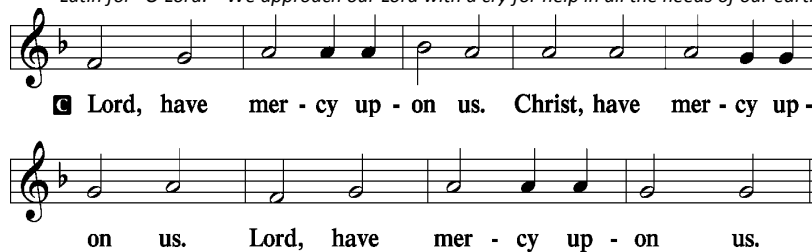
### Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Glory to the Father"*



### The Kyrie

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*



### The Gloria

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)*



### The Salutation (Greeting)

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.



### The Collect for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray.



### The Bible Readings

*God speaks to us.*

#### The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-5 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you; The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

#### The Gradual

*The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.*

**P:** Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Your eye:

**C:** Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.

**P:** Let my sentence come forth from Your presence:

**C:** For Your eyes see what is right. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** Give ear to my words, O Lord:

**C:** Consider my meditation. Hallelujah!



**Pastor:** The Gospel reading is from Matthew 14 beginning in verse 13.



### **The Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 14:13-21 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Pastor:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



### **The Nicene Creed** - We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Hymn 372**

#### **The Sermon**

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Theme: "SUPERPOWERED BY JESUS"

I. In Christ We Can Face Any Problem (35-36)

II. In Christ We Already Have the Victory (37)

III. In Christ We See God's Great Love (37, 39)

#### **The Offertory**

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
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#### **The Offering of Thankful Hearts**

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:*

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive**

**And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

## Prayers - (Pastor)

### The Lord's Prayer - (All)

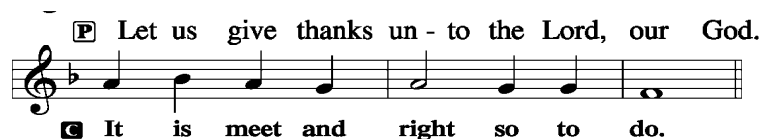
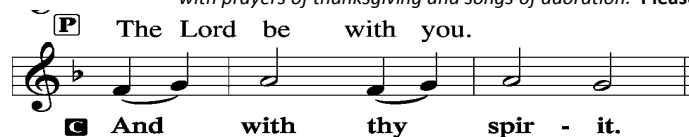
Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Hymn 755

### The Communion Liturgy

#### The Preface/ Proper Preface

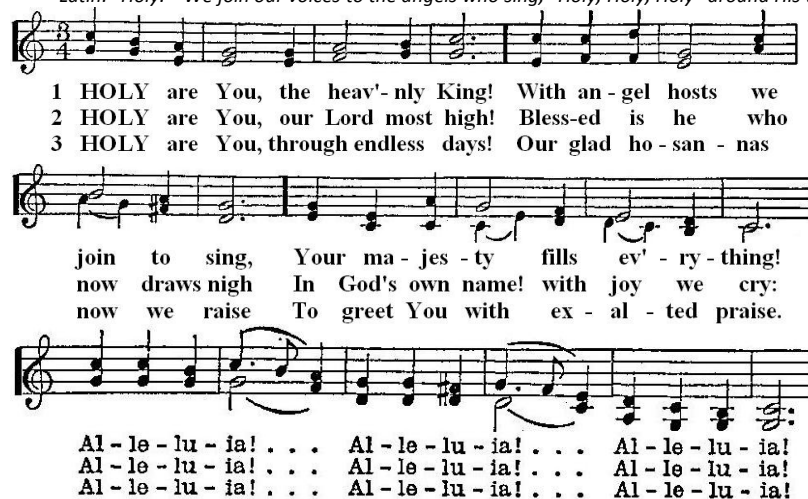
*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.*



**Pastor:** Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment, for You kept Your promises through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son. By His death He has destroyed death and by His resurrection has restored to us everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn.

## The Sanctus

*Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" around His throne"*



### The Words of Institution

*(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time*

**PASTOR:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

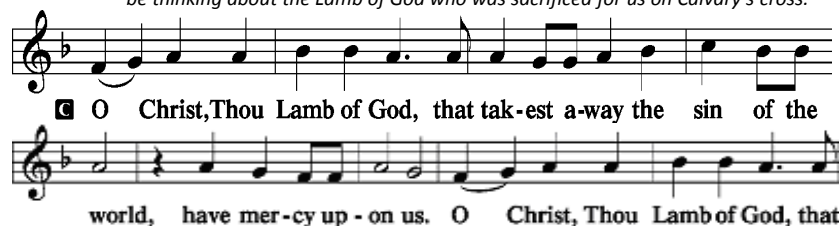
In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

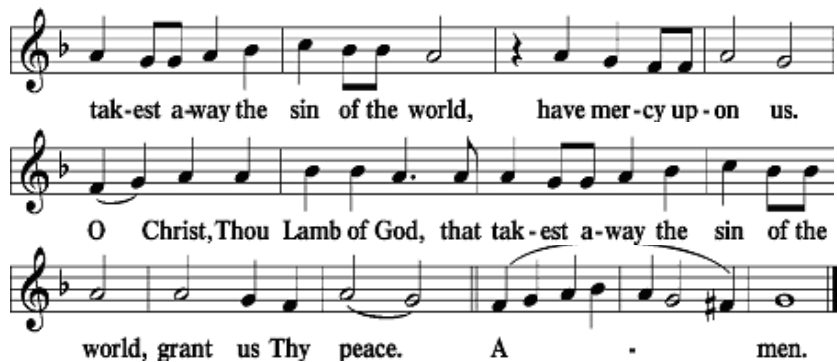
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### The Agnus Dei

*Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.*





### The Distribution of the Sacrament *(congregation is seated)*

#### COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is; God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

I Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep."

#### SHOULD YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

\*\*\* If you feel your faith is weak, you need the Lord's Supper. In it Jesus gives you his body and blood which were given into death for your sins. He wants to strengthen your faith. So come, eat and drink and listen to the words your pastor says to you in the name of Jesus, and believe them with all your heart.

\*\*\* When you know you've sinned and you feel unworthy. You say you aren't worthy because you aren't good enough. No one else is good enough either. But God doesn't ask whether you are good enough. He only asks, 'Are you sorry for your sins? Do you believe Jesus forgives?' He invites you to come and receive forgiveness through Christ, who shed his blood for you. He makes you sure that forgiveness is yours by giving you Jesus' body and blood to eat and to drink. You believe that, don't you?

\*\*\* But if you are refusing to give up a particular sin even though you know that God's word forbids it, you are despising God's Word. You are telling God, 'I don't care what you say. I'll do what I want.' Until you repent of your sin, God warns you against abusing this gift. To come to the Lord's Supper will only add to your sin rather than take it away.

#### THREE GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFOREHAND

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Christ for forgiveness?
3. Am I willing, after receiving forgiveness, to amend my sinful life?

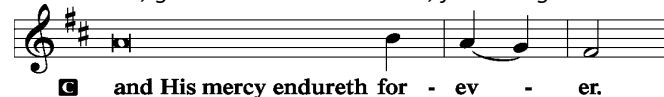
MARTIN LUTHER: "He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'"

#### The Nunc Dimittis

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



**Pastor:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



**Prayer by the Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us by the forgiveness of our sins through this Sacrament, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.





### A Blessing from the LORD through the Pastor:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



### Closing Hymn 401

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

## Announcements

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home and would like to become a member, we offer a free, 20 lesson "Information Class" led by the Pastor to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Dean Hattan is in Coeur d' Alene for physical therapy after having his right leg amputated last week. For the last two years, Dean has been battling infections from a knee replacement gone bad. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane spent five days in the hospital with a severe leg infection (probably cellulitis). He is recuperating at home.

**THANK YOU JOE** At St. John's, please notice the new white coat of paint behind the altar that was done this past week by our in-house professional painter, Joe Shea.

**VBA SCHOOL** The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26 (half-day). We start at 8:30 am with an opening worship service. All are invited and encouraged to attend! We are advertising for Valley Bible Academy's upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation. LM Tribune, Facebook, and Instagram are some of the venues, but word-of-mouth is still the best. Please tell your family and friends!

**SCHOOL DEEP CLEANING** there are still a number of cleaning jobs that need to be done before the opening of our school. There is a list posted on the bulletin board. Please take a look to see if you can help. Many thanks to those who already have!

### NEXT SUNDAY'S BIBLE LESSONS Read ahead to help prepare:

1 Kings 19:9b-18 – God assures Elijah of the power of His Word

Romans 9:1-5 – Israel stumbled because it rejected God's Word (the sermon).

Matthew 14:22-33 – Jesus teaches Peter not to doubt His Word

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFERINGS LAST WEEK** *From thankful hearts...*

Needed: \$2,215. Received: \$1,350 (- \$865). YTD: -\$1,631.

Teacherage Fund – Received: \$10. Total to-date: \$13,640.

**"But who *am* I, and who *are* my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things *come* from You, And of Your own we have given You."** (<sup>NKJ</sup> 1 Chronicles 29:14)

**CLC NEWS** <> Pastor Del Mass, Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND has **accepted** the non-resident call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. This means Pastor Mass will be serving both congregations full-time, while living in Mapleton, ND. <> Mrs. Marie Muehlenhaupt **accepted** a one year call as upper grade teacher at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. Marie and Miss Ann Sprengeler accepted a one year call as co-principals at Faith, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has **received** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle and Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. <> Prof. Steve Sippert of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN.

**Immanuel's Opening Service:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, Eau Claire, WI. is opening its academic year with in-person learning. Much planning is in the works as we learn to live in the midst of the current pandemic. The opening service will be on Sun. Aug. 23, 3 pm. This will also include the installation of ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck and Professor Mark Weis. Some precautions will be necessary for this service given mitigation and local guidelines, e.g., physical distancing, collecting contact information, gathering size, etc. For those who aren't students, parents, or staff, we encourage you to virtually attend the service through livestream to help ensure that our gathering size is manageable and compliant with local guidelines. For details about livestreaming and the opening weekend schedule, see [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu). Please keep the staff and the students in your prayers during these challenging times. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!

## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 8:38-39

### **The Old Testament Reading for 11<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost**

*In these verses God calls to all who are spiritually hungry and thirsty for His Word, which He offers freely to satisfy every soul. His Word tells of His love for each of us that offers forgiveness, peace, joy, eternal life and all His blessings through Jesus Christ His Son – the Word incarnate. We read...*

**Isaiah 55:1-5** "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you; The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

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**C:** For Your eyes see what is right. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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### **The New Testament Reading:**

*Here we see that God satisfies the needs of His people. Especially when it comes to our spiritual lives, God always gives more than we ask for, more than we need, all because of the love that is in Christ Jesus our LORD. We read...*

**Matthew 14:13-21** When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**PASTOR:** Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

