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Reformation Lutheran Church



Peace and Joy in Every Day.
—Isaiah 55:12

The Weekly Word

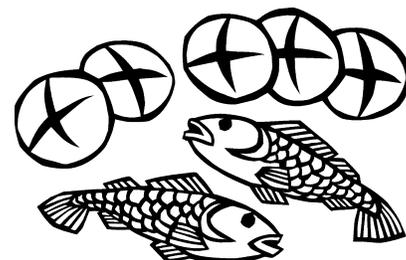
Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 2, 2020
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

All Readings Have Been Included in this week's Weekly Word

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God
forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by
his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name
of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*“You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before
you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”*

—Isaiah 55:12

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

■ FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

■ PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully. ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them. ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy. ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

■ SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

■ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Praise to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer. (continued next page)

P: You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give the congregation of Reformation Lutheran Church such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known, especially (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our dear friend and Reformation family member, **Margaret Wagner-Fox** last Thursday. While we will miss her terribly, we know she is rejoicing in her heavenly reunion with her son and our brother in Christ, Mike.

Our prayers continue for Carol, Brock and Tiphonie, and the entire Wagner family at this incredibly sad time. A private family graveside service will be held at Peninsula Memorial Park.

zoom SUNDAY, August 2nd
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**TABLE TALK
RESUMES TONIGHT
AT 5:30 P.M. ON
ZOOM!**

We begin our next book discussion on "**Oneness Embraced**" by

Dr. Tony Evans. Copies are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. Please join us!





Returning to Worship is Coming Soon—What to expect

In two weeks, on **Sunday, August 16th**, we plan to begin in-person worship at Reformation Lutheran Church. We want you to become familiar with the policies in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible at this time.

- ◆ **Masks are required for worship.** If you do not have one, a mask will be provided. We will have two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. respectively.
- ◆ Living and Learning will not meet during this initial phase and there will be no coffee hour between services. We ask that people not linger indoors after services, as the ushers need that time to properly disinfect the church.
- ◆ Entering and exiting will be through the front doors only. Please let us know in advance if you require handicap access. To minimize touching door handles, the door will be open for arrival and departure.
- ◆ We want everyone to refrain from touching things as much as possible, so there will be an offering plate/basket near the Sanctuary. Bulletins will be placed on the chairs before you arrive and you must take them with you when you leave.
- ◆ During the service, to avoid the threat of spreading the virus, there will be no singing and no celebration of the Eucharist, at least for the near future. Sharing of the peace will be from pastor to congregants verbally and there will be no responsive readings. Congregants will follow along non-verbally with the reader.
- ◆ The Sanctuary chairs have been positioned, two together, at the recommended six-foot social distancing and can be rearranged so that family groups may sit together.
- ◆ Restrooms will be available, however, we hope they are used as little as possible. Since services will be shorter this should help alleviate that need. Thorough handwashing is required, using soap and water and honoring the 20-second minimum washing time. We will also have hand-sanitizing stations available and require their use.
- ◆ **All areas of the church, aside from the Sanctuary and restrooms, will be closed,** except for necessary use by ushers and tellers. If the Parish Office is used, the disinfecting rules for the office and its equipment are posted and must be followed.

If you have any questions regarding these policies prior to August 16th, please e-mail the Parish Office at rlcparishoffice@reformationlc.org.