

## 25 July 2021 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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### Land Acknowledgement

We gather here, mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home, or depended on its trails for safe passage.

We know this community as Fernie; it is also the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa people and Métis Nation. May we be good and gracious guests of this corner of Creation.

### Lighting our Candles

As we celebrate the resurrection, we remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle in remembrance and in honour those who are gone from our eyes, but not from our hearts. Those separated by death, distance or disease. May we find strength in the midst of weariness, pandemic, frustration and apathy, through the One who created us, sustains us and adores us.

## Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have  
again brought us together on the Lord's Day  
to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand  
in the week that is past, and  
your purpose in the week to come;  
through Christ our Lord.       **Amen**

## Opening Hymn - CP645 v.1 Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O love divine, seek though this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.    Amen**

Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleaned from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.     **Amen**

### Collect of the Day

Sustainer of the hungry, like a mother you feed your children until each is satisfied.  
Turn our eyes to you alone, so that, aware of our own deepest longings,  
we reach out with Christ to feed others with the depth of your love.

**Amen**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### **Reader – Norma Bayer**

John 6.1-21

#### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

May God be with You.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John

**Glory to you, O God.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who

had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### Jesus Walks on the Water

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### The Gospel of Christ

### Praise to You, O God.

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – Anybody Hungry?

### Statement of Faith: Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,  
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart,  
With all your soul,  
With all your mind,  
And with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

### Hymn of Praise - CP397 v.1

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

### **Jael Wong-Fehringer**

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

**For our families, friends, and neighbours,  
and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For all those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Archbishop, Linda our Primate;

For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,

Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We pray that they may recover fully.

And if it be that a cure may not be had,

may their death be swift and gentle as they are called  
home into your arms.

**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Bless those who have received their first dose of the vaccine. Give patience to those who are still waiting. Bring calm to those who are uncertain whether or not to receive the vaccine.

**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for all those who continue to work on the front-lines;

the medical personnel, the truckers,

the grocery clerks and cashiers;

For the local small-businesses who are  
trying to remain safely open;  
**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is  
known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*SILENCE. The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.  
This we ask, in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Offertory Hymn - CP564 v.1

Lead us, heavenly father lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
ground us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee:  
yet possessing, ever blessing, if our God our Father be.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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### COVID-19 Prayer - marking the anniversary of the Pandemic

God of infinite compassion and mercy,

Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past year,  
Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,  
For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to mourn,  
we ask your comfort  
For health care workers persevering in the battle with the virus  
we ask your strength and courage,  
For government and public health leaders; we ask your wisdom  
For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue;  
we ask your endurance and peace,  
We give thanks for the resilience discovered within us,  
We give thanks for all who continue to work to protect and care for us  
We give thanks for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all times.  
As we face the year ahead fill our hearts  
with that same love and compassion for our world and its needs.  
For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead. **Amen**

*Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada*

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,  
**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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

### The Doxology

Glory to God  
**whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### Extinguishing our Candles

As we prepare to continue with our day  
we extinguish our candles, knowing  
we will be together again, soon --  
not necessarily as we wish, but as we are able.

**Amen**

### Sending Song

MV75 – Don't Be Afraid

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
My love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

## Upcoming This Week:

Monday 26 July – Administration and Worship Prep  
6:00 pm - Fernie Pride Society Board Meeting

Tuesday 27 July – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 28 July – 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom  
Broadcasting from Christ Church

Thursday 29 July – Worship and Sermon Prep

Friday 30 July - Wedding rehearsal for Blythe Clarke and Etienne de Muelenaere

Saturday 31 July - 1:00 pm - Memorial Service for Ron Bath, Cherished Memories  
3:00 pm - Wedding for Etienne and Blythe de Muelenaere at Christ Church

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 01 August - Tenth after Pentecost - Communion Sunday  
Broadcasting from Knox United Church

Please have your communion elements ready if you wish to participate.

## Credits:

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