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Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticized the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS

Come share the good news of Jesus Christ, God's gift of love to the world.

We call our style of worship "liturgy", a Greek word that means "the work of the people" and describes a pattern of songs, responses, and scripture readings.

We invite all guests and visitors to participate in voice and song.

- This bulletin includes responses, readings, and prayers for today.
- The service liturgy is printed in the hymnal. Page numbers in the bulletin refer to the front part of the book.
- Hymn numbers are indicated by # and refer to the music found in the back of the book. Please feel free to join in the singing.

Visitors interested in becoming a member, please speak with Pastor today.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in the sharing of this bread and wine are extended His invitation to come forward and receive Holy Communion at this service.

The Service 11:00 AM

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Words of Welcome

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Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Hymn

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Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise – "This Is the Feast"

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The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this

wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Children in grades Pre-K-5th join together for Kids' Kingdom.

[sit]

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

Impenitence of Israel and Judah

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Psalm: #50:7-15 (sung)

⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify¹ against you.
I am¹ God, your God.

- 8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**
- 9 I will not accept a bull from your house,
or goats from your folds.
- 10 For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- 11 I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**
- 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.**
- 15 Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the

promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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The Alleluia Verse

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The Gospel Responses

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but

sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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The Sermon

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The Hymn of the Day

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The Apostles' Creed

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The Prayers

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*).

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own,

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

[stand]

The Peace

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The Offering and Preparation of the Lord's table
Choir Anthem – *"For the Joy of Music"*

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The Offertory – "Let the Vineyards"

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The Offertory Prayer

A Loving God,

C **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

WE CELEBRATE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

The Dialog and Preface

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The Sanctus – "Holy, holy, holy, ..."

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The Words of Institution

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Distribution

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion. If you wish grape juice instead of wine, please express your desire to the Deacon or Worship Assistant when you come forward to receive.

(Little children with hands extended will receive a “fish” cracker reminding them that “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is their Savior”. The fish was an ancient symbol that the early Christians used to identify one another. Each letter of the Greek word for “fish” is the starting letter for the words, “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior”.)

Hymn During Distribution

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Post Communion Canticle – “Thank the Lord...”

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Post Communion Prayer

A Compassionate God,

C **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE

The Blessing

(You are invited to sing this blessing to the people around you.)

C **The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you,
and be gracious, gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you,
and give peace, give you peace.
Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.**

Hymn

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The Dismissal

A People of All Saints, loved by God,
what have you been called to do?

C **Live the love of Christ!**

A Go in peace to serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Give us courage to follow wherever you lead us.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE

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Next week’s lessons: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100,
Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23]

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and Other Volunteers

| | <u>Through Today</u> | <u>Beginning Tomorrow</u> |
|----------------|---|--|
| Worship Leader | Mary Wolf | Rev Debi Turley |
| Deacon | Martha Muck | Barbara Kurasch |
| Ushers | Frank Wald | Frank Wald |
| Lay Reader | Lori Gawlak | Ron Heintz |
| Crucifer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Count | Ann Mayer &
Joan Fabian | Ann Mayer &
Joan Fabian |
| Altar Guild | Martha Muck | Christyn & Bryan Sullivan |
| Cleaning | Joan Fabian | Martha Muck |
| Mowing | Ted Cheney, Beth Cheney
Bryan Sullivan | Will Blette, John Blette,
Mark Marcin |

THIS WEEK

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| Today | 9:30AM Bible Study |
| | 11:00AM Worship, Holy Communion, Kid’s Kingdom |
| Tuesday | 1:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting |
| | 7:00 PM Council Meeting |
| Sunday | 9:30AM Bible Study |
| | 11:00AM Worship, Holy Communion, Kid’s Kingdom |

OUR TRANSITION PASTOR, Pastor Serena Mollenkopf-Grill will be at All Saints on Thursday mornings from 9 AM to noon. If you are in need of pastoral care you can reach her at 716-510-2939.

THE ALMS BOX money collected for this quarter will go to Grace Lutheran Food Pantry.

THE HYMN SUGGESTION BOX is once again on the table in the narthex for you to list your favorite hymns during the summer months.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH is hosting a Sunday worship service and picnic at Chestnut Ridge Park Shelter #2 at 11 AM on Sunday, June 28th. Please bring a dish to pass and chair. Fun and fellowship will be had by all!! Everyone is welcome to attend.

BUDGET—Bless you for your generous financial offerings, which ensure the continuation of the ministries at All Saints, our surrounding communities, the Niagara Frontier Conference, the Upstate New York Synod, our nation, and around the world.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“For the Joy of Music”

For the joy of music, For a voice to sing,
For a song to praise Thee, Thanks, O Lord we bring!
For the mighty trumpet, For the tuneful string,
For the pipe and cymbal, Thanks, O Lord, we bring.
Some may offer treasure, Build a temple high,
But the music’s measure we will magnify!
For the sound of singing, Bells that loudly ring,
Instruments in chorus, Thanks, O Lord, we bring!
For a voice, Thy praise to sing, Lord, to Thee, our thanks we bring!
For the pipe and tuneful string, Lord, to Thee, our thanks we bring.
Some may build a temple high, But with song we’ll magnify!
For the bells that loudly ring, Lord, to Thee, our thanks we bring!
For the joy of music, For a voice to sing,
For a song to praise Thee, Thanks, O Lord, we bring!
For the mighty trumpet, For the tuneful string,
For the pipe and cymbal, Thanks, O Lord, we bring!
Though some build temples high, With a song we’ll magnify!
For the bells that loudly ring, Lord to Thee, our thanks we bring!
For the joy of music, Thanks we bring!

