

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6: 1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.



July 25, 2021

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

[www.holynativity.net](http://www.holynativity.net)



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## Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

**Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
in person or on Facebook "LIVE"  
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope)**

*In accordance with CDC guidelines,  
fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask.  
Please wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.*

### **Staff Members:**

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### **Worship "Stream Team"**

Mark Chamberlain  
Andrew Kubly  
Chris Daniels  
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Mark Eggert

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# **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*Quote: "For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things."  
-Psalm 107:9*

## **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

Mark Sedio

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.*

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

*P: God, our provider,*

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.*

**C: Amen.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

GATHERING HYMN

*"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"*

Hymnal #520

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

Nancy Hanson, Brian Hanson, Aaron Dise

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Songwriters: Ronn Huff / Beverly Darnall / Michael W. Smith

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my hear to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise*

*Teach me, ever to adore Thee, may I still Thine goodness prove  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love*

*Oh, to Grace, how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee*

*Never let me wander from Thee never leave Thee, God I love  
Here’s my heart, take and seal it seal it for Thy courts above*

*“Early in the Morning”*

Songwriter: Paul Stookey

*Well early in the morning, about the break of day,  
I ask the Lord, “help me find my way!”  
Help me find my way to the promised land  
This lonely body needs a helping hand  
I ask the Lord to help me please, find my way.*

*When the new day’s a dawning, I bow my head in prayer.  
I pray the Lord, “won’t you lead me there?”  
Won’t you guide me safely to the Golden Stair?  
Won’t you let this body your burden share?  
I pray the Lord, “won’t you lead me please, lead me there?”*

*When the judgement comes to find the world in shame  
When the trumpet blows won’t you call my name?  
When the thunder rolls and the heavens rain  
When the sun turns black, never shine again  
When the trumpet blows, won’t you call me please, call my name!*

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## GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

### FIRST READING

2nd Kings 4:42-44

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia"

Hymnal Pg. 151



### GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to John... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here

who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON**

*"I Will Never Be Satisfied"*

Rev. Ashley Updegraff

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

Hymnal #729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME

(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer petition... *P:* Lord, in your mercy, *C:* hear our prayer.)

**LORD'S PRAYER** (unison) 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 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

## BENEDICTION

*P:* Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *C:* Amen

## MISSION HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

Hymnal #537

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*  
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING MUSIC**

*“Immortal, Invisible”*

arr. G. Peterson

*Flowers by the altar are given by Connie Toavs in memory of Art Johnson.*

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

<p><b>Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30am Worship (in person and online) 10:30am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Word of Life Worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth 7:00pm Bonfire for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders at Wendy’s</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup></b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Grounds Group 7:00pm Word of Life Worship</p>
<p><b>Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 5:30pm Centering Prayer (online) 6:00pm New Hope Women of Today</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup></b> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm 10:30am – 2:30pm Lounge reserved 7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup></b> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bingo at Outtakes</p>	<p><b>Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup></b> 12:00pm – 5:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00am – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel 12:00pm Wildfire Pastors’ Text Study 5:45pm – 9:00pm New Hope Women of Today</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30am Worship w/Communion (in person and online) 10:30am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Word of Life Worship 6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>

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**PRISM is accepting donations** Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm.  
**July's Mission Offering** is designated to the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches.

### **NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Fellowship time is at 10:30am!** We have coffee and donuts following worship. Coffee is served in disposable cups. Please sign up to help serve coffee this summer! Thank you!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2fa4fb6-coffee>

**PRISM's July Focus for food donations is breakfast cereal, mac & cheese and kid-friendly snacks!** PRISM experiences a 25% increase in the number of families that use the foodshelf in the summer months. Your donations become more important than ever during this time when kids do not get those extra meals at school. Think of easy to prepare lunch items. Drop off here at Holy Nativity or directly to PRISM! They are located at 1220 Zane Avenue North, Golden Valley.

**School Supplies Drive!** PRISM is once again collecting good quality backpacks and supplies to be distributed to children entering K-12 in the PRISM service area of Golden Valley, New Hope, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Plymouth (east of 494). Please consider purchasing a backpack or school supplies and drop off at church by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The 2021 Women's Summer Book Study** meets on Wednesday, August 18th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. We'll be reading "A Children's Bible," by Lydia Millet. This dystopian novel will lead us into lively conversation around biblical themes, all while exploring climate change and other issues of our day that threaten to unravel us. You can order it on Amazon here: [https://www.amazon.com/Childrens-Bible-Novel-Lydia-Millet/dp/0393867382/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Childrens-Bible-Novel-Lydia-Millet/dp/0393867382/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=).

**We need musicians for Sunday special music this summer!** Please sign up [online here](#) and contact Iver at [ivercrest@gmail.com](mailto:ivercrest@gmail.com) with questions!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!** We have 30 seats reserved for the St. Paul Saints Game on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Cost is only \$18 per ticket and we will be providing free bus transportation from Holy Nativity. Please contact Linda Lien ([linda@holynativity.net](mailto:linda@holynativity.net) or 763-545-1647) to reserve your spot(s). Payment is due by Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Families!** We are planning for Sunday School this fall and the [2021-2022 Sunday School Registration Form is here](#) (or go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net)).

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on "Make Donation."
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

*Council Host: Cantor: Nora Levenson*  
*Scripture Reader: Lynn Madsen Coffee Helpers: Joe & Deb Gartner*

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:*  
*Michelle Hanson, Dorie Olmstead*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*