

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021 8 & 11 a.m.  
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*Jacob's dream* by Jusepe De Ribera, 1895. Public domain

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### Confession & Forgiveness

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.*

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** *God our comforter:*

**C** **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

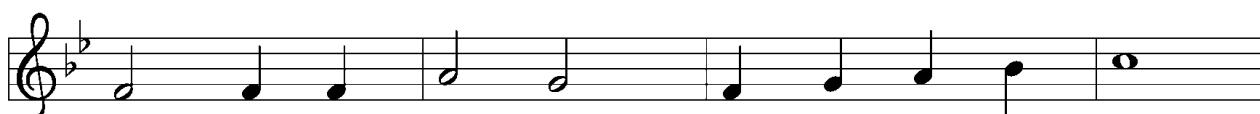
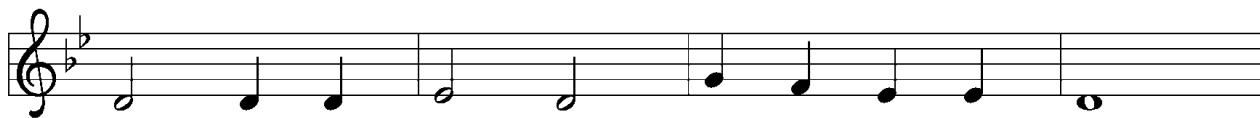
**Amen.**

**P** *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous. We receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.*

**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860  
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

**P** *Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.*

**C** **And also with you.**

Assisting minister



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

All



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.

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Almighty God,*

**C** **creator of the universe, we are filled with wonder at all your works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. We praise you for your majesty; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, yet desire to know and care for us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Reading**

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

**A** *A reading from Genesis. <sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup>Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."*

*<sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; <sup>16</sup>and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup>Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.*

*<sup>18</sup>So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup>But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup>Then Isaac said*

*to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup>So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup>He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.*

*<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."*

- A    The word of the Lord.**
- C    Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon

*Please stand as you are able.*

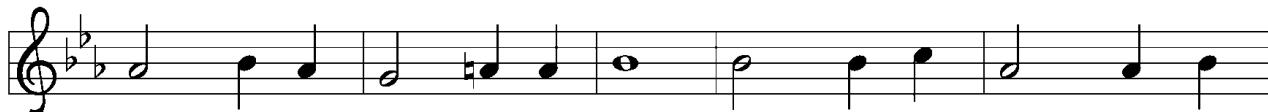
**The Rev. Greg Fetzer**

## Hymn of the Day

### Blessing and Honor



1 Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and pow'r, wis-dom and  
2 Let all the heav-ens sound forth Je-sus' name; let all the  
3 Ev-er as-cend-ing the song and the joy, ev-er de-  
4 Give we the glo-ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich-es and strength ev-er-more, be to the Lamb who our  
earth sing his glo-ry and fame. O-cean and moun-tain, stream,  
scend-ing the love from on high; bless-ing and hon-or and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat-tle has won, whose are the king-dom, the crown, and the  
for-est, and flow'r ech-o his prais-es and tell of his  
glo-ry and praise—this is the theme of the hymns that we  
Lamb who was slain, dy-ing in weak-ness and ris-ing to



throne; whose are the king-dom, the crown, and the throne!  
pow'r; ech-o his prais-es and tell of his pow'r.  
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
reign; dy-ing in weak-ness and ris-ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*  
**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 into hell. 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.**

**A** *Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing a non-contact sign of peace from your pew, please be seated.*

## **Offering**

## **Offertory**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**A** *Let us pray. God of abundance,*  
**C** **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** *Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**C** **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.**

**P** *Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

*We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice. Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)*

*If you require communion be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.*

*During the distribution, the following is sung:*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*If you are unable to attend in-person worship and would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office.*

## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

## Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. Lord of life,*

**C** **in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** *People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity,  $\text{\textt{T}}$  one God, bless you now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

## God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**A** *Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Daily Readings and Reflections

### **Sunday—Read Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**

Jacob and Rebekah cheat Isaac and Esau, and yet Jacob is blessed by God. When have you felt least deserving of God's blessing?

### **Monday—Read Genesis 29:1-30**

Jacob lives with his uncle Laban, and marries both of his daughters. Write a short story about Jacob's wedding to Leah from the perspective of Laban's younger daughter Rachel.

### **Tuesday—Read Genesis 29:31–30:24**

Leah and Rachel compete for Jacob's love, and Jacob has 11 sons and 1 daughter. Draw a family tree for Jacob's family, starting with Abraham, Sarah, and Haggai, and ending with Jacob's wives and children.

### **Wednesday—Read Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23**

Jacob's favorite son Joseph is a dreamer whose brothers plot against him. Keep a dream journal for a week.

### **Thursday—Read Genesis 40:2-3, 5, 9-23; 41:14-45**

Joseph's dreams lead him to favor with Pharaoh in Egypt. Using your dream journal, write a story about how your dreams might be used to help you in daily life.

### **Friday—Read Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26**

Joseph's favor with Pharaoh brings good fortune to his family. Make a plan for how the positive in your life could be used to help those in your family or community.

### **Saturday—Read Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25**

Jacob's descendant Moses is born a slave in Egypt, raised by Pharaoh's daughter, and flees punishment for murder. How has God used the mistakes and misfortunes in your life toward God's purposes?

### **Text for next Sunday**

God's name is revealed

*Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17*

### ***The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God***

*By Tim and Gina Miller in Thanksgiving for Jack and Sam  
as they celebrate their 22<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays*

## **Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Val, Trudy, Lester, Lynn, Joan, Lind, Steve, Joan, Don, Dot, Silvia, Elsie-Marie, Madison, Helen, Jim, Theresa, Harry, Pam, Georgeann, Jean, Karen, Lois, Steve, Pastor Eileen, Wendie, and Steve*

## **Pray for Our Service Men and Women**

*Josh, Michael, Nick, Derek, Christopher, Kyle, Andrew, Jason, Matt, and Christopher*

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