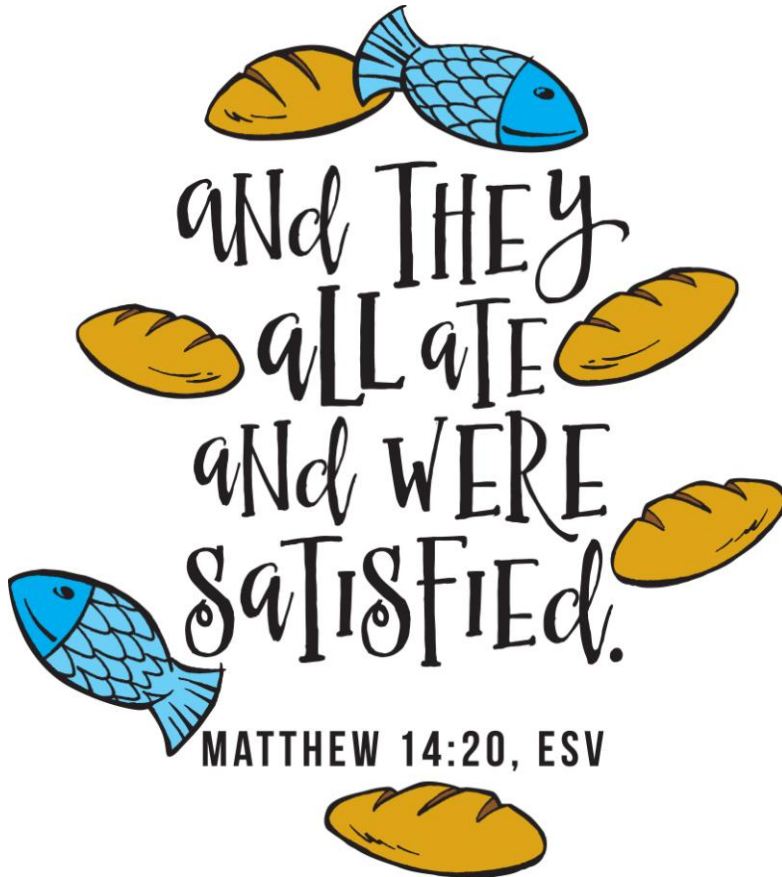


August 2, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



MATTHEW 14:20, ESV

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

AS WE GATHER

We face so many arguments about food these days. Go organic. Go gluten free. Go low carb. Go vegan. Go GMO free. Our culture is deeply concerned about what sort of food we put in our bodies, because the old saying “you are what you eat” is fairly accurate. While what sort of food we put into our bodies is an important concern, Jesus compels us to make another kind of food an even higher priority than the food we chew and digest. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus feeds five thousand people, thereby revealing that He is the Word of God Incarnate, the food that feeds more than our stomachs. Jesus feeds our souls. This was foreseen by the prophet Isaiah who wrote, “Come, everyone who thirsts . . . incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.” The food we put into our bodies is important. Even more important is to gather in church for food that feeds the soul!

PRESERVIC MUSIC (Drive-In Service Only)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only)

“All Who Are Thirsty”

[Brown /Robertson © 1998 Vineyard Songs (Admin. by Vineyard Music UK). CCLI# 254312]

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain;
Dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow.
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
We sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain;

Dip your heart in the stream of life,
Let the pain and the sorrow.
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
We sing:
Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND PSALM *Psalm 136:1-6*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who by understanding made the heavens,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

HYMN

“Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”

(v 1-4)

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Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all in me combine
To aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favor is divine.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die.

The Lord forgives my sins,
And he relieves my pain;
The Lord has healed my sicknesses
And made me whole again.

He crowns my life with love,
He ransoms from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Has sov'reign pow'r to save.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. You feed our souls with the true bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior. Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy, so that we may participate in providing Your bread for both body and soul to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:1–5*

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread,
 and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
 and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³Give ear and come to me;
 listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
 my faithful love promised to David.

⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
 a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not,
 and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *Romans 9:1–5*

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 14:13–21*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hungry”

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Hungry, I come to You, for I know You satisfy;
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.

So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I’m falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, You’re all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You, for Your arms are open wide;
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.

So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I’m falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, You’re all this heart is living for.

SERMON: "The Miracles, The Meal, The Message" *Matthew 14:13-21*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people in their various needs.

Pastor: When Jesus came ashore, the people flocked to Him. Lord, grant that Your Church may attract those who are truly sheep without a shepherd. Guide, strengthen, and protect clergy and lay leaders to present Your saving Gospel so that many may come to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: When it was time for the people to eat, Jesus had them sit down in an orderly fashion. Gracious Lord, raise up wise leaders, caring public servants, and courageous defenders in our country and in the nations of the world so that justice and freedom may flourish in each land, and peace and harmony may prevail across borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Although it seemed that the disciples had resources too small to meet the needs of so many people, Jesus fed them all. Gracious Lord, open our eyes to see the resources with which You have blessed us, and by Your Holy Spirit move us to find ways to serve as many of our neighbors as possible. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: After all had eaten and were satisfied, the disciples gathered twelve baskets of fragments. Gracious Lord, we ask Your blessings on all who work to put food on the table, those who sow and those who reap, those who transport and those who sell, those who research better agriculture and those who distribute the unused portion, so that we all may be fed from Your bounty. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions). Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

(v 1, 4, 5)

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REFRAIN:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **(Refrain)**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be. **(Refrain)**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(Refrain)**

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