

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

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*“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”*



Prelude

Gary Ritter

## INTRODUCTION

*Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Stand – if standing is difficult, please feel free to remain seated*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ one Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Gracious God,

C: ***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.***

Sit

Opening Hymn      *“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”*      Number 315

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## WORD

Bible Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145:10-18

L: All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: ***They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,***

L: that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-out all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

L: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: ***The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.***

L: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: ***You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.***

L: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call up on you faithfully

Bible Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

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

*Stand*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

<sup>1</sup>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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sit

Message

Stand

*"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"*

Number 717

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

Apostles' Creed

***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.***

Special Music "The Prayer" Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson  
Patricia Hagensen, Patrick Murphy

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

P: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Hold back the waters of those experiencing extreme flooding. Nurture our farms and fields and provide food wherever needed. Hear us, O God.

C: ***your mercy is great.***

Leslee Froehlich

P: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Feed those who are hungry in this world. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing especially those we remember out loud and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: ***your mercy is great.***

P: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: ***your mercy is great.***

P: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days. Dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C: **your mercy is great.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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**Amen.**

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Sit

Special Music            *"The Prayer"*                            Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson  
   Patricia Hagensen, Patrick Murphy

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.***

Words of Institution

The 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.***

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.***

Stand

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.  
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

**Amen.**

Sending Song            *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*                            Number 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Dismissal

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

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

**SERVICE**

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