

+ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost +

Trinity Lutheran Church

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10:15 AM



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.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

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

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

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

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

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

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

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

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 13:14-21

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GOSPEL READING

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.

The Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:1-21

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up-on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem-pest ra-ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad-ows length-en and night has come,
di-rect, pro-tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A-ges, are al-ways near.
I know that you will strength-en my steps toward home,
With-out your grace and fa-vor I go a-stray;
Close by your side a-bid-ing, I fear no foe,
then noth-ing can im-pede me, O bless-ed Friend!
so take my hand, O Sav-ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid-ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un-to the end.

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