

July 21, 2024

"Ninth Sunday after Pentecost"

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Good morning!

In the name of the God of creation, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit who guides our ways, welcome to worship.

In the spirit of Christian love and acceptance, we welcome all who have come to worship our God. May God's comfort and peace fill each of us as we worship before him.

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Today's Theme

"Abundant Provider" (Mark 6:30-44)

Jesus and His disciples withdrew to a desolate place. Moved with compassion, Jesus miraculously fed a multitude with only five loaves and two fish. This demonstration of power proved that Christ was and is the abundant provider, and we can trust God's provision to meet our needs beyond measure. We can also learn that what we have to offer, no matter how minute, can be used for the glory of God and blessings to others.

Coloring page



[†]We Lift Our Hearts in Worship[†] Welcome & Time of Greeting

Leader: Welcome, dear friends, to our time of worship, where we gather in the

presence of our abundant Provider, who lavishes us with His grace and

provision.

People: How good it is when brothers and sisters gather together in unity. Praise

the Lord!

Time of Praise and Worship

How Great Thou Art
O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art How great Thou art

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Invocation

Leader: Gracious and bountiful God, we are gathered in Your name.

People: In the name of Jesus.

Leader: Our hearts are full of gratitude as we acknowledge Your abundance in our lives.

People: Fill this place with the richness of Your love and provision.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Heavenly Father, thank you for being our Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. You

meet every need according to Your riches in glory. As we worship today, open our eyes to see all that you have provided. We are rich in You! Help us to trust in Your provision and to share generously with others, reflecting Your abundant

love to the world.

People: In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Provider, we pray, amen.

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Just for a moment, let's pause and reflect on the grace and provision offered

to us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Lord Jesus, Abundant Provider, we confess that we have doubted Your

provision and sought after worldly comforts to satisfy us. We confess that we have failed to recognize Your abundant blessings in our lives and have been slow to share generosity with others. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and gratitude. Help us to trust in Your provision and to share Your abundance with others, reflecting Your love and generosity in all that

we do.

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are forgiven! His grace is more than

sufficient to cover our sins and His love knows no bounds.

People: Thanks be to God for His abundant mercy and forgiveness! May His love

and provision inspire us to live lives of gratitude and generosity. In the

name of Jesus, amen.

Please be seated

tWe Hear God's Wordt

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah condemned the leaders of Israel for their negligence in shepherding God's people. He promised that God would raise up a righteous branch from the line of David to reign as king.

1 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. ² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord. ⁵ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Paul reminded the Gentile believers of their former state of separation from God and His people, emphasizing the reconciliation brought by Christ's sacrifice. Through Jesus, both Jews and Gentiles are united into one new humanity, reconciled to God and to each other.

"Inherefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-44

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³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ 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 his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Please be seated

Response Song

Lord I Need You
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

You're my one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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Message

Please stand

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: By faith, let us affirm the Triune God.

People: We affirm God almighty as the ultimate Abundant Provider, whose

sovereignty extends over all creation. From the dawn of time, He has lavished His blessings upon us, providing for our every need with boundless

generosity.

We affirm Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer. Through His sacrificial death and resurrection. He poured out abundant provision on the cross, reconciling us to God and granting us eternal life.

We affirm the Holy Spirit as the Comforter and Guide. We experience His presence in our lives today. He empowers us to live as faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings, equipping us to bear fruit that glorifies His name.

We affirm the Triune God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Please be seated

Offerings

Please stand

tWe Prayt

Prayers of the Church

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

according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your

mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: 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.

TWe Depart in Peace

Benediction

Leader: May you go forth with confidence, trusting in the abundance of God's provision

for your every need.

People: May we be instruments of God's abundance, sharing His love and provision

with all whom we encounter. Amen!

Closing Song

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

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Praise the Father, Praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, Praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings Praise forever to the King of kings

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