



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 2, 2020
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thought: From Isaiah 55 – Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. These verses came to mind as I read both Isaiah 55 and the Feeding of the Five Thousand. The free gift of compassion and something more than simply food on the table is being offered. I pray we “thirst” daily for the food of life offered and at no price. No price is metaphor for grace/gift enacted by God in Christ and enacted by us as we reach to others.

Prelude

Seek The Lord While He May Be Found – Esther Mui

<https://youtu.be/V2asZ15Xkdk>

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: All who struggle with issues of faith, come and gather here.

C: We come to be renewed by God.

L: All who sometimes wrestle with God, come and gather here.

C: We come to be blessed by God.

L: All who wander without knowing what lies ahead, come and gather here.
C: We come to be reassured by God.

Gathering Music
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service – First Plymouth Church
<https://youtu.be/MIPIyM2Qz4k>

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P: In those times when we are overwhelmed with fear,
C: Forgive us, God, and help us to trust you.

P: In those times when we are tempted to judge others,
C: Forgive us, God, and help us to trust you.

P: In those times when we believe we have nothing to offer,
C: Forgive us, God, and help us to trust you.

P: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
This is the promise and gift given to us in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise

If You But Trust In God to Guide You – Fountain View Academy

https://youtu.be/zFPe_G-Lqcc

Prayer of the Day

L: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness.

C: You cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First reading – Isaiah 55

An Invitation to Abundant Life

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

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

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Second reading – Romans 9:1-5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Reading

Children’s Time

Homily – “Food for Thought”

<https://youtu.be/3xRNtwdkg3Y>

Music of the Day – The Church of Christ in Every Age – James Biery

<https://youtu.be/zBUAQKGyc5A>

Prayers of Intercession

P: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creations. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation at Our Savior Lutheran such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

P: Ever-giving God, as Jesus shared loaves and fish with a great crowd, we now offer what we have to you. Use it to feed your people who are hungry, to comfort those who are hurting and struggling, and to support the work of your church in proclaiming justice and freedom for all of your children. **Amen.**

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.**

Closing Prayer

L: We say today with the multitude of people
who were fed by Jesus on a hillside,

C: The Lord does provide.

L: As those people experienced, Jesus can turn five loaves
and two fish into a feast to feed thousands.

C: The Lord provides in miraculous ways.

L: As those people discovered, Jesus was there to help them when
the hour was late and when they were in a deserted place.

C: The Lord provides for us just when we need it most.

L: As the multitude saw, there was enough food left over
to fill twelve baskets full.

C: The Lord provides in abundance.

L: As the people witnessed, Jesus blessed the bread and broke it.

**C: The Lord provides us with his blessing both now and ever
more. Amen.**

Benediction from Numbers 6

Amen.

Dismissal

L: We have listened and come to the waters!

**C: We have been fed to go out and share this rich food!
Thanks be to God.**



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.



John 6:11, NRSV

