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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Prelude "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew: 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Music will be played after the message. You may hum along.

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . . for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

(we will add your prayer of thanks.)

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare ... for all who work for peace and international harmony ... for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction ...

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

(we will add your prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with us always.

C: And also with you.



Communion

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, (please lift the body of Christ) and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C:Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. (eat the body of Christ)

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, (please lift the blood of Christ) gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. (drink the blood of Christ)

Music will be played. You may hum along.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ. our Lord. Amen.

Postlude "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Postlude

"For the Fruit of Creation"

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We lift our prayers for Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Kelsey, Taylor B, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman ,Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Brian Krug, Ben, Linnea, Ben Strohecker, and ELCA World Hunger. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Nick Patterson, Kyle Thurman and Becky Mansoor.

