



THEY SAID TO HIM,
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HERE AND
two fish.”

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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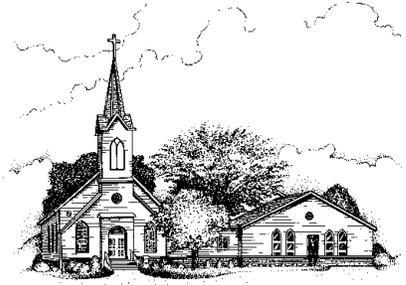
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Welcome to God's House

In the first Scripture lesson, we will see a hungry Elijah. In the Gospel, it's thousands of hungry people following Jesus. In both cases, God provided for them, just like he has provided for people since the beginning of the world. Trust that he will continue to do the same for you, both physically and spiritually.

Welcome and God bless your worship today.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness CW #353:1 & 2

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the Father's word of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.**

Song of Praise

CW #353:3

- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- C: ♪ Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the one who makes us one.**

Prayer of the Day

- M: Lord God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- C: ♪ Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

² Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵ So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Psalm 42 – 43

M: As the deer pants for streams of water,

C: so my soul pants for you, O God.

M: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

C: Where can I go and meet with God?

M: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

C: Why so disturbed within me?

M: Put your hope in God,

C: for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

M: Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

C: let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

M: Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.

C: I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. 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 the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

Day By Day CWS #765:1 & 3

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Sermon

Matthew 14:13-21

Our Compassionate God Provides

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

the offering plates are situated near the exit door

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you are gracious beyond measure. In the wilderness, your Son healed the sick, miraculously fed over 5,000 and satisfied their needs. We thank you for all that you do to support our bodies and lives. Lead us always to look to you as a loving Father who knows what we need and supplies it.

C: **Make us content with what you give, and help us to live thankful and satisfied lives knowing that you will continue to give us every good thing.**

M: Gracious Lord, you have made us children of the promise through Jesus, your Son. Use us to carry your promises to the ends of the earth.

C: Incline the ears of all to listen, that their souls may live. Make us and all Christians faithful witnesses of Jesus, whom you glorified by raising him from the dead.

M: Lord God, we pray for this land, for devout and faithful rulers,

C: good government, good weather, faithful neighbors and the like.

M: God of all comfort, as your Son healed the sick, so also heal those who are sick or suffering in our midst [*especially Kenn Kurtz, Herbie Justman, Joan Schuppel, Kent Allison and Theresa Ehlers*]...*all of whom are facing health challenges*. If it is your will, restore them to health, or give them strength to accept their afflictions.

C: Give us all hope for the day when each believer will be called home to you in heaven.

M: Heavenly Father, as your Son fed the crowds with bread and fish, so also today he feeds us with his body and blood and your gracious Word of life.

C: Let us receive these gifts willingly and joyfully, trusting in your forgiveness, that we may be strengthened in faith toward you and in love toward others.

M: Lord Jesus, we pray in your name and as you taught...

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: 🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, With My Blessing CW #332:3-4

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

This Week at Zion

Today: 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship

Mon: 7:00 p.m. Council meeting

Tue: 6:30 p.m. Evangelism meeting

Thur: 7:00 p.m. Worship

Sun: 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship

Hymns next week: 367, 439, 451 **Psalm:** 73

In our Prayers Kenn Kurtz, undergoing knee surgery this Tuesday; Herbie Justman, back home now after a stroke; Kent Allison; Joan Schuppel, and Theresa Ehlers, both battling cancer.

The flowers on the altar today are placed to God's glory by the Eric and Lora Radke family; also by the Dennis and Debby Terlinden family in memory of Dennis's dad, Art Terlinden.

Thanks to Liz Dettmann (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our accompanists this weekend.

Call Deliberations Pastor Bode has been led to return the call he received from First Lutheran in Lake Geneva. Please keep our brothers and sisters in faith in Lake Geneva in your prayers as they wait for the Lord to provide a new pastor.

Lost and Found There are several dishes, bowls, plates, containers, etc...in the kitchen looking for their homes. Please check before you leave today to see if anything might be yours. There are also a number of lost and unclaimed items on the table next to the kitchen. Parents, please check there to see if anything might belong to your family.

One Ordinary Life Often we think that since our lives are pretty boring and ordinary, that they're not worth much. Think again. Pick up an August *Forward in Christ* and read about Vera Mueller, a lady whose life mirrors many of our ordinary lives, and one who was blessed in many ways, just like our ordinary lives.

Please pick up the August calendar (updated), newsletter, *Forward in Christ* and the new Meditations booklet which starts two weeks from now.

College Student Parents Do you have college-aged children away at college somewhere this fall? Please send a current address and contact information for them to the church office. You can call 262.483.0407 or e-mail Pastor Bode at revsdb@aol.com. Thank you!