

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## July 25, 2021 @ 8:30am

**THEME:** 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.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

### \*GATHERING SONG

*Glorify Thy Name*

**Father, (Jesus), (Spirit), we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

### 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.**

### 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.**

### FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

Pew Bible Old Testament Page 372

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

### GOSPEL

John 6: 1-21

Pew Bible New Testament Page 100

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

Interim Bishop Murray Finck

### SERMON HYMN

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

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### APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.

#### BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(off camera)