

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

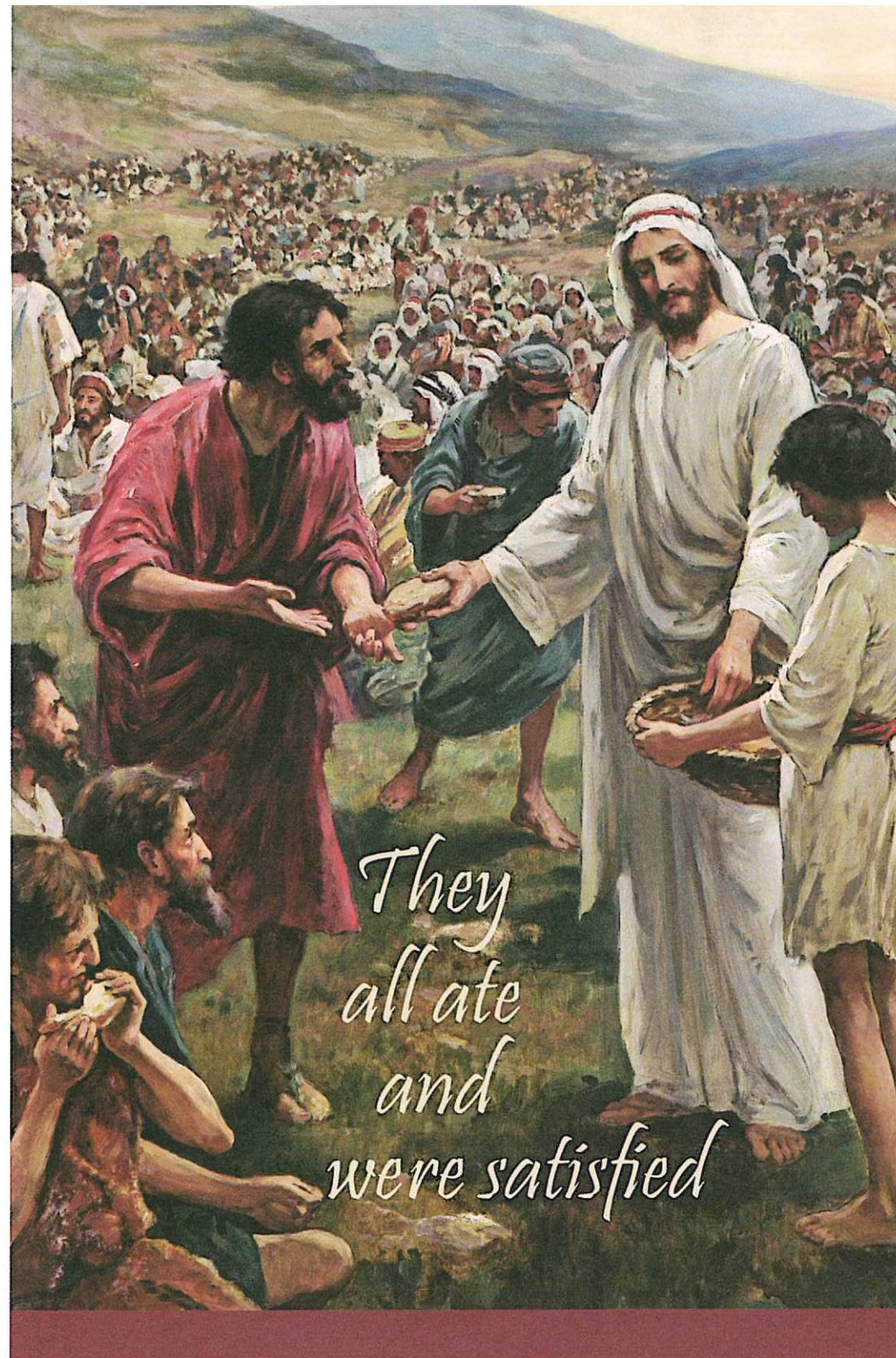
¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of

God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.



About the Cover: What a wonderful blessing it is when God’s people understand how He provides for them. We believe, teach, and confess that our heavenly Father provides everything we need to sustain this body and life. Jesus provided for the crowd to be fed, and “they all ate and were satisfied.” He provides for us in this life and in the life that is to come.



Pentecost

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18 & 22, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 709, 716, 805, 878
Sermon: "You Are with Me!"
Psalm 23:4

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 7/11 (Wed.): 43	Comm.: 39	Offering: \$1,571.00
Attendance 7/15 (Sun.): 88	Comm.: 75	Offering: \$1,897.05
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00		Scrip Profit 7/15: \$36.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (7/25) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
SUN (7/29) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

PASTOR ON VACATION – July 23-30 – If an emergency should arise, contact Pastor Joel Brassfield (920-246-2587) or one of the elders.

SCHOOL KITS – A flyer can be found in your church mailbox. School items are now on sale. Please donate complete kits and only complete kits. Cash may also be donated. The deadline is September 9.

PRODUCE TABLE – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

UPCOMING EVERYONE HIS WITNESS WORKSHOP –

The South Wisconsin District will be holding an *Everyone His Witness* Workshop on August 18th from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. The focus of this evangelism workshop is aimed at providing training and encouragement for Lutherans to share the Gospel with those whom God has placed in their everyday lives. Cost for the workshop is \$14.00 and includes materials and lunch with a registration deadline of August 8th. Further information, including an online registration, is available at <http://swd.lcms.org/every-one-witness/>. Please call the South Wisconsin District at 414.464.8100 if you have any questions.

JOYFUL GIVING - Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with your other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep us with your intended offerings. Contact the church office to complete a form.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Romans 8:16 *"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."* Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That's the basis not only of our generosity, but of our entire life of Christian living. God sets the pattern and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – Please pray this week for **Pastors Bud Palmer and John Reinke** who serve the **deaf community and their families**. Pray, that through this mission ministry, hearts will be forever altered by the Gospel of salvation in Christ alone and the opportunity for exposure to that promise will be expanded in Wisconsin.