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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fed and Nourished

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus and the His disciples were confronted with thousands of hungry people in the wilderness. Not unlike the exodus desert centuries earlier, there is almost no food; logic suggests sending them back home. But Jesus, filled with compassion, miraculously feeds everyone.

We live in a society we might call a spiritual desert. Yet here, too, our compassionate Shepherd meets our physical and spiritual needs. Instead of scattering us to fend for ourselves, Jesus graciously feeds us with His living bread – the bread of His Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our desert wandering, thanks be to God for this life-giving hope. May it be renewed in all who worship this day.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the

wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se - sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re - cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

Elder: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 53:6*

Elder: All we like sheep have gone astray;

Congregation: **we have turned—every one—to his own way;**

Elder: and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Let us therefore go to our Lord, confident of His grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Elder: Our heavenly Father,
Congregation: **we are by nature sinful and are entirely lost, fallen, and blind. Our cares and worries—our sins—blur our vision of Your grace and mercy. We do not always trust that You are concerned enough to meet all our physical and spiritual needs. For Jesus' sake we humbly ask Your forgiveness for all our failures of weak faith and for listening to other voices. Open our ears and our eyes so that we may follow You, our True Shepherd, through every shadowy valley until we behold the streams of quiet water that eternally flow from Your throne of grace.**

Elder: O people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand, surely for Jesus' sake, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. As a fellow-redeemed in Jesus, it is my joy to announce the forgiveness of all of our sins. Be strengthened in hope. Our God comes to deliver. Our life in Him is secured.
Congregation: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

KYRIE

Elder: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace from above, for every daily blessing, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Compassionate Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace of the whole world, for the healing, housing, feeding, and saving ministry of the Church of God in all the earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation: **Strengthening Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For this holy house and for all who offer here themselves and all that they are and have in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: All-embracing Lord, have mercy.

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

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Elder: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

Congregation: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

Elder: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1-6* (God's promise of a truly righteous Shepherd.)

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.

⁴ I 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.

⁶ In 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:11-22* (Jews and Gentiles united in Christ.)

¹¹ Therefore 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—

¹² remember 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.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility

¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸ For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,

²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

²² In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Spoken LSB, p. 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-44 (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

Elder: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught.

³¹ And 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.

³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴ When 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.

³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.

³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But 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?"

³⁸ And 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."

³⁹ Then He commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

⁴¹ And 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.

⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied.

⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

LSB 710

SERMON

CATECHISM

(The First Article of the Creed and Explanation)

Elder: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

Congregation: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray for the people of God here and around the world, and for all people in their various needs and conditions.

Elder: That our heavenly Father, who ordains all the powers in the nations of the world, would set rulers in place who will care for their people, dispel fear of injustice from within and attacks from beyond their borders, and allow the Church to flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: That our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, who gave His life so that we might never be separated from God's love in time or eternity, would continue to provide both physical and spiritual gifts in our desert wanderings until we see with our own eyes the eternal banquet in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: That the Holy Spirit, who uses Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen faith, would provide peaceful days and calm confidence in our God for all who face this day fearful of evil, surrounded by enemies, in the midst of crisis, or while enduring long-term ills, especially those near and dear to us [*including . . .*], and use us to care for them wherever possible, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: That our one God, who has already reconciled people from every nation to Himself through the sacrifice of our Good Shepherd, would open paths of concord and understanding where brothers and sisters find themselves alienated from one another in disputes and divisions so that we may embrace one another in peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: That our compassionate Shepherd, who used five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand men and their families, would open our ears to hear His call to feed the people around us with the gracious news of the Gospel as well as with physical expressions of compassionate care, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Elder: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace of the Lord.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

Spoken LSB p. 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Elder: Almighty God, thank You for providing for all of our needs along the journey of our life following Jesus. Weary travelers need nourishment, and You have fed us richly with Your precious Word of life, to sustain our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and energize our service to others. For Your kindness to us both now and always, we thank You, asking You now to send us forth to serve You and others in Your name; even as You have taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

(See PowerPoint slides or the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

BENEDICTION

Elder: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Elder: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” *LSB 848, St. 1-2, 4*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

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