



***Welcome to
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THE BREAD OF THE KINGDOM

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MATTHEW 14:13-21



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The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion

Slow to anger
and great in mercy

The LORD is good to all
And His tender mercies
are over all His works

Psalm 145:8-9



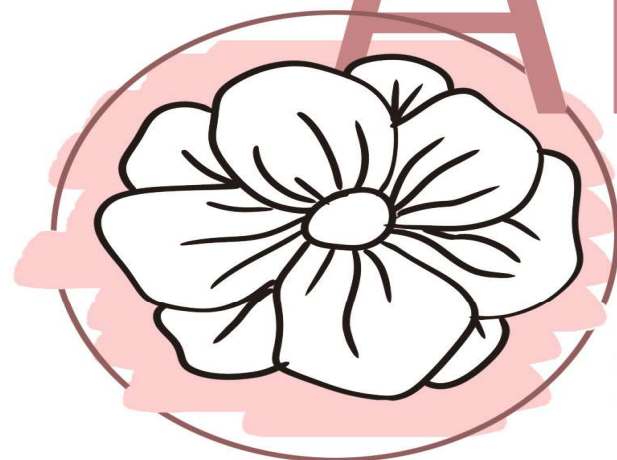
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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

ALTAR *flowers*



Altar flowers given in memory of our grandmother,
Ottillie Martin
by Sheila, Kelly and Rhonda

Organist Needed



We are looking for an organist to play during our
2nd and 4th service each month.
If interested, please contact Debbie Matthys at
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INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Hymn # 843

**1 Praise the One who breaks
the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the
pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.**

Hymn # 843

**Praise the One who preached
the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding
thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

Hymn # 843

**2 Praise the One who blessed
the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out
demons
with a piercing, two-edged
sword.**

Hymn # 843

**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.**

Hymn # 843

**Final Praise the one true love
incarnate:**

**Christ, who suffered in our
place;**

**Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.**

Hymn # 843

**Let us sing for joy and
gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us
one.**

Hymn # 843

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord*

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the lord*

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
A-men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all
creation:***

***Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread and your earnings for that which does
not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your
works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O
LORD,
and you give them their food in due
season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever
and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 14:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: 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.

¹³ Now 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. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When 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.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then 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.

²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

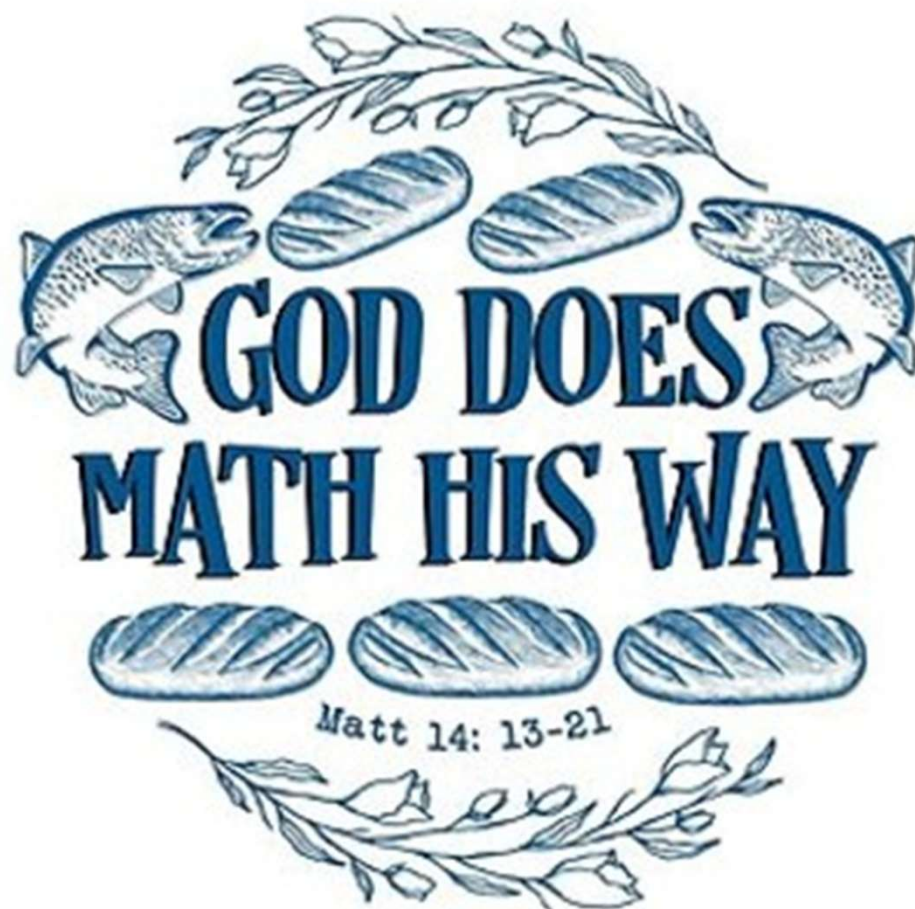
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



Hymn of the Day

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

Hymn # 966

From ASC Supplement

**¹ Loaves were broken, words were
spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from Heaven,
was their food forevermore.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 966

[Refrain]

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Hymn # 966

**² Loaves were broken, words were
spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave
them, Christ, you came as
Light from Light.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 966

[Refrain]

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Hymn # 966

**³ Loaves were broken, words were
spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 966

[Refrain]

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Hymn # 966

**Final By the loaves you break and
give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 966

[Refrain]

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Hymn # 966

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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.**

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit and we remember our friends and family members before you.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries, for Guru and Ann in Nepal, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Grace in the Desert Lutheran Church in Buckeye, Arizona.

Thank you for our fellowship of congregations.
Especially today we celebrate and lift before you
the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church in Thrall,
Texas and their pastor, Jeff Geske. May your grace
flow through them as they share your Good News.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with You

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks
and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our
joy...

...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

THE 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.**

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line
and at the altar rail.*

Lamb of God Pg. 174

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Hymn # 817

**¹ You have come down to the
lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the
wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my
eyes,
kindly smiling, you've called out my
name.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain Cont]

**On the sand I've abandoned my
small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

Hymn # 817

**2 You know full well what I have,
Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for
conquest,
just these my fish nets and will
for working.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my
eyes,
kindly smiling, you've called out my
name.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain Cont]

**On the sand I've abandoned my
small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

Hymn # 817

**3 You need my hands, my
exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the
weary,
a love that's willing to go on
loving.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my
eyes,
kindly smiling, you've called out my
name.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain Cont]

**On the sand I've abandoned my
small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

Hymn # 817

**Final You who have fished other
waters;
you, the longing of souls that are
yearning;
O loving Friend, you have come
to call me.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my
eyes,
kindly smiling, you've called out my
name.**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain Cont]

**On the sand I've abandoned my
small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

Hymn # 817

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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10th Sunday
after Pentecost

