



Sunday, July 25, 2021

9:15 am

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

John 6:1-21

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1, 2 & 5 *"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"*

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

A reading from Second Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all
ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The 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.**

¹⁶You 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.**

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

A reading from Second Corinthians.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as

much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY vs. 1, 2 & 3 *“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

With the whole church, Let us confess our faith...

**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 INTERCESSION

The response is:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN vs. 1 & 4 *“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”*

DISMISSAL

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

Serving in Worship

Pr. Jeff Martinson
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Janet Venzke - Assisting Minister
Joel Freiberg - Pianist
Diane Goetsch - Layreader & Vocalist

Technical Support

Patrick Kieper
Travis Puig
Joel Freiberg
Bob Wiederhoeft

Holy Communion

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Paul and Jan Nelson; and by Bruce and Linda Beyer in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all". For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

2021 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers. There are several Sundays available yet this year. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.

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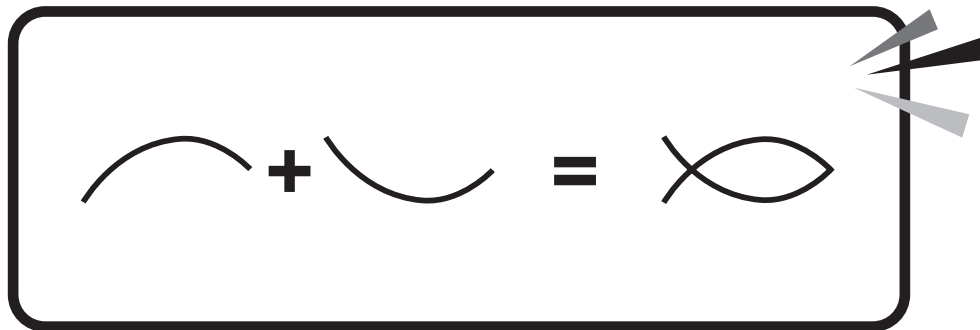
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The picture of the fish reminds us of Jesus.
Practice making fish using two lines:



Now make fish with a friend. You can each make one line.

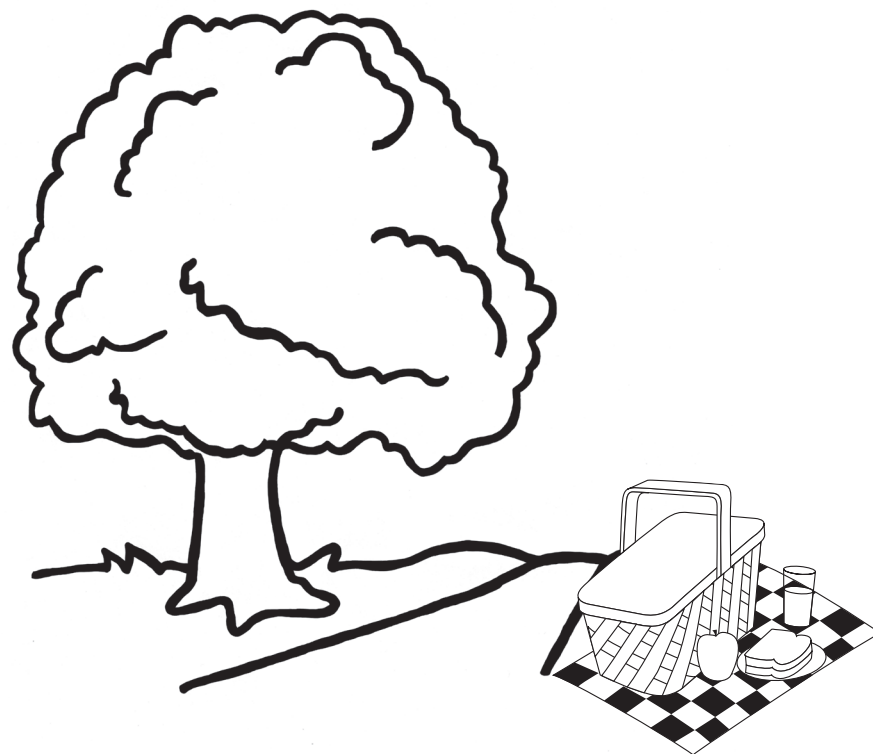


PRE-READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **9th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- One symbol for this season is a **tree** near a road.
- The **road** reminds us of traveling.
- We share Jesus' love **everywhere** we go.

Jesus had a picnic with 5,000 friends! Add your favorite picnic food to the picture.





Then he shared the food with all of the people who were there that day.

Jesus blessed the fish and bread. There was enough for everyone!

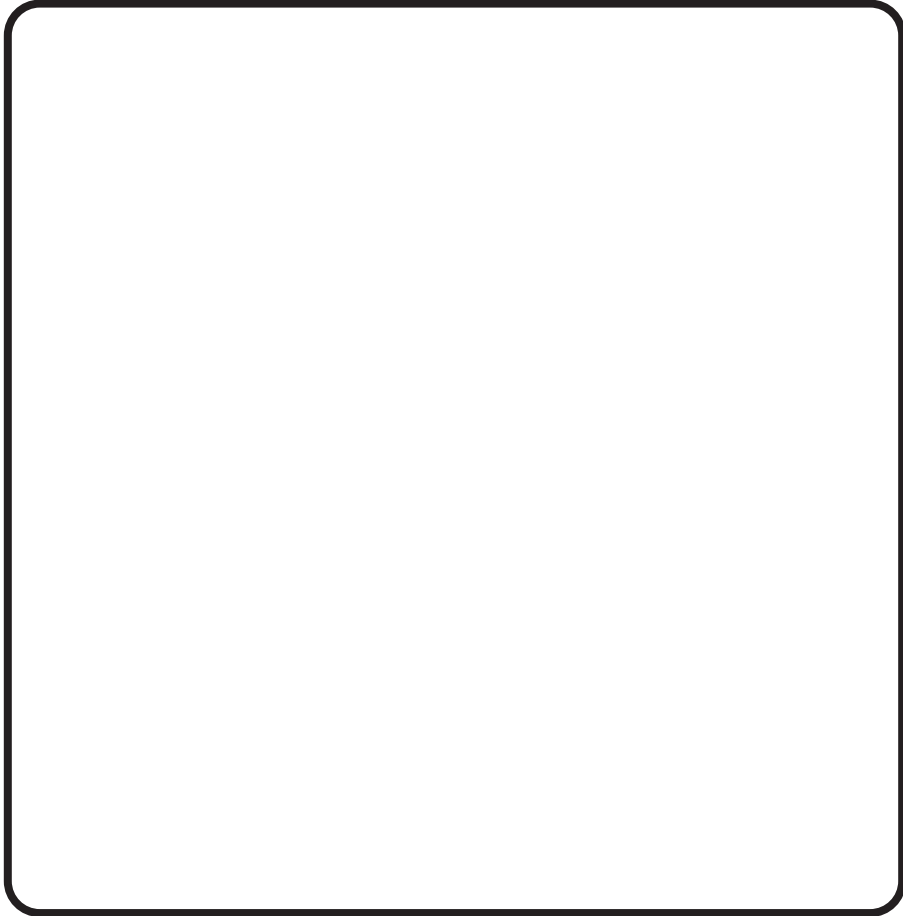
Find the two fish and five loaves of bread in this picture.



Picture of Peace

When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples were afraid. Jesus gave them his peace.

Draw a picture of people sharing God's peace at your church.



How many times do you hear the word 'peace' during church?
Keep track and compare notes with a friend after the service.



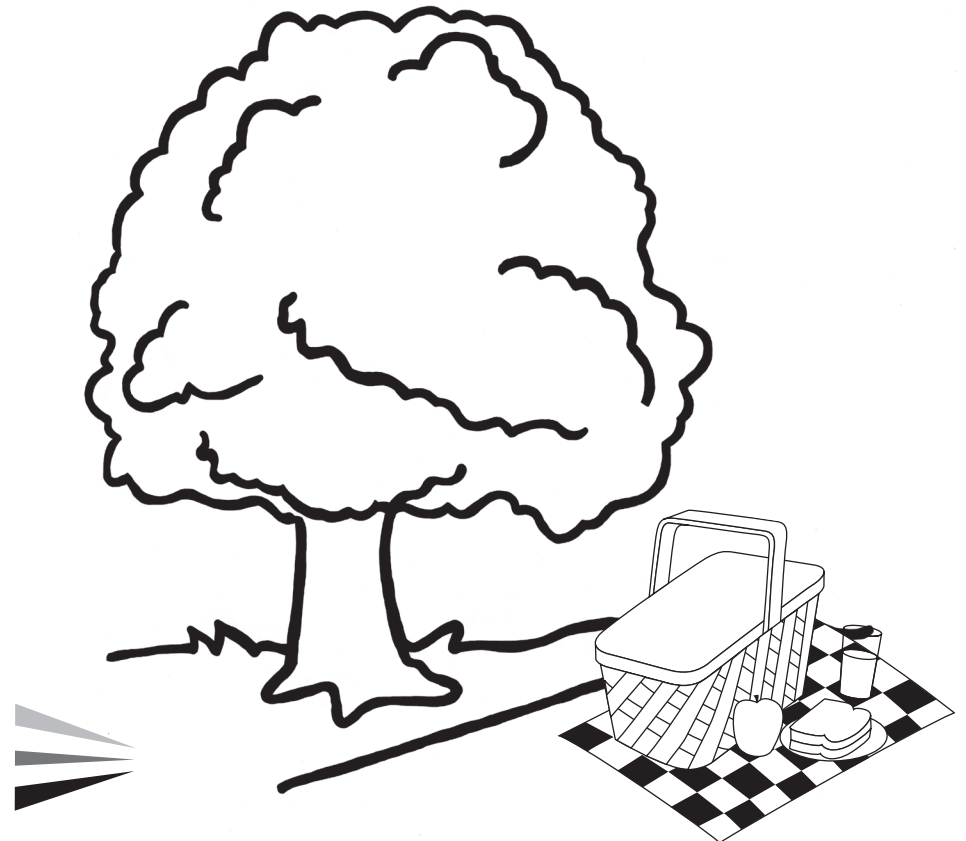
READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **9th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The road reminds us of **traveling**.
- We share Jesus' love **everywhere** we go.
- Jesus is **with us** with when we are **afraid**.

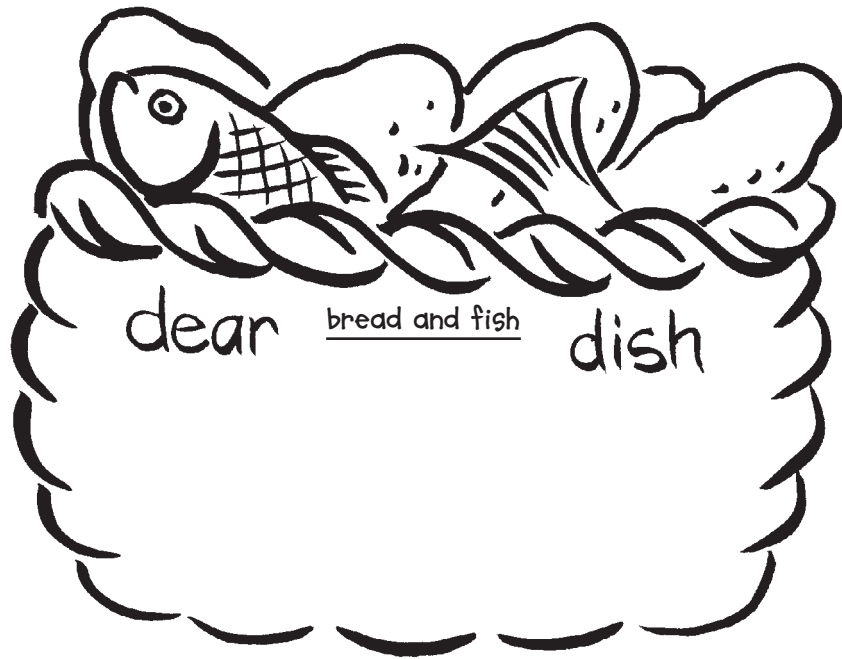
Picnic

Jesus fed those who came to hear him. Prepare a picnic for Jesus and his followers underneath the tree. What will you serve?



More Than Just Bread and Fish

You can multiply "BREAD AND FISH" into many more words by combining letters in different orders. How many can you make? The list is started for you.



Look It Up!

How do you think Jesus' disciples felt about fish? Read Matthew 4:18-22 and take a guess.



Use the Alphabet Code (A=1, B=2, C=3)
to figure out what Jesus told his disciples.

Memory Verse



But he said to them,

"9, 20 9, 19 9;

4, 15 14, 15, 20 2, 5

1, 6, 18, 1, 9, 4."

John 6:20

____; _____

____. John 6:20

Use the code to write one thing that you are afraid of: _____

Even when we're afraid God is with us.



Anything Else to Eat?

In Jesus day fish and bread were a common lunch. If Jesus visited you at school, what food would you share with him? How would that change today's story?



JULY 25, 2021
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus has a power people long to follow.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-11	Maintain good deeds
Thursday	1 Peter 1:8-17	Suffering for doing right
Friday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Saturday	Psalms 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. John 6:2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the way you feed us, heal us, and care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Just as you fed the five thousand on a hillside, we thank you for feeding us and caring for us today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundance bless you with more than you can imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*There Is a Wideness in
God's Mercy*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you have been glad to be part of a crowd.
- Have you ever been afraid when you were part of a large crowd? Explain.
- What are some reasons you like being part of the crowd that follows Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 6:1-21.

By the beginning of John 6, Jesus had taught, turned water into wine, healed, and challenged Jewish authorities. The throngs are growing and five thousand have followed him to a hillside. Jesus looks at them, sits them down on a large grassy area, and feeds them like a shepherd tending his flock. His actions remind people of what Elisha (2 Kings 4:42-44) did when he fed large crowds. Jesus being on a mountain side and having powers over the waters of the Sea of Galilee (v.19) reminds others of a role like Moses. It is clear that people are attracted to Jesus and he cares for them with a power that people long to see, long to touch, long to be with. That is the power that has been given to the church to speak and work for people today in Christ's name. Christ's power continues to be present today so that others may follow in the footsteps of the one who brings us healing, hope, and salvation. What have you experienced that makes you want to be a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, we thank you for coming into our world and our lives to care for us and to feed us with your love. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish. We know that today in the world many people live with limited food and constant hunger. Give money or volunteer time at your local food bank or other organizations that help those in need of food. Make a list of ways you can support people who do not have enough food.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Paul prays for the people, *"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name"* (Ephesians 3:14-15). Prayer is a way to practice our faith. Think or talk about different ways to pray (standing, sitting, folded hands, kneeling). This week practice kneeling for prayer.

Pray: **Dear God, I ask to be filled with your presence and to know the love of Christ that he may dwell in my heart forever and ever. Amen.**



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