

# Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



August 2, 2020  
10:30 AM

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**Zoom Children's Time** is on hiatus.

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**Hymns of Faith** is on hiatus.

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**In-Person Worship TONIGHT:** Join us for ~30-minute in-person worship services every other **Sunday at 7:00 PM**. Please bring your own chairs—spots will be marked on the front lawn. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Restricted bathroom usage. At-risk individuals or anyone feeling unwell should not attend. Please use discretion. Please **RSVP** [here](#) so that we can plan for attendance. In case of inclement weather, check [St. John's Facebook page](#) by 5:30 PM this evening to verify the service will be held.

**St. John's Anti-Racism Committee Book Club Dialogue:** Our next book comes in both adult and young adult versions, so choose the version that fits you best. We hope that families will read this book together. The adult book, *Stamped from the Beginning* is by Ibram X. Kendi. The authors of the young adult version titled, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* are Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The discussion will take place via ZOOM on **Tuesdays, August 18, 25 and September 1 at 5:00 PM**. On **August 18** we'll discuss Parts 1 and 2; on **August 25** we'll discuss Parts 3 and 4; and on **September 1** we'll discuss Part 5 and the Epilogue. Contact the church office if you'd like a copy of the book but can't purchase it yourself. Please RSVP if you plan to join us at [staff@stjohnssummit.org](mailto:staff@stjohnssummit.org).

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

**Social Ministry Highlight: Lutheran Social Ministry of New Jersey Backpacks**

LSM has asked only for financial contributions this year to minimize the risk of COVID infection. A completed backpack costs approximately \$35, and we hope to match last year's collection of at least 65 backpacks. We have collected **60 backpacks to date!** Pledge your contribution at <https://forms.gle/wjWYCme11qDWXsD77>. All pledges must be paid by check or [online](#), include "LSM Backpacks" in the memo line before **August 9**.

## Prayer Before Worship

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Bunessan*

By Larry Shackley (b. 1956)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

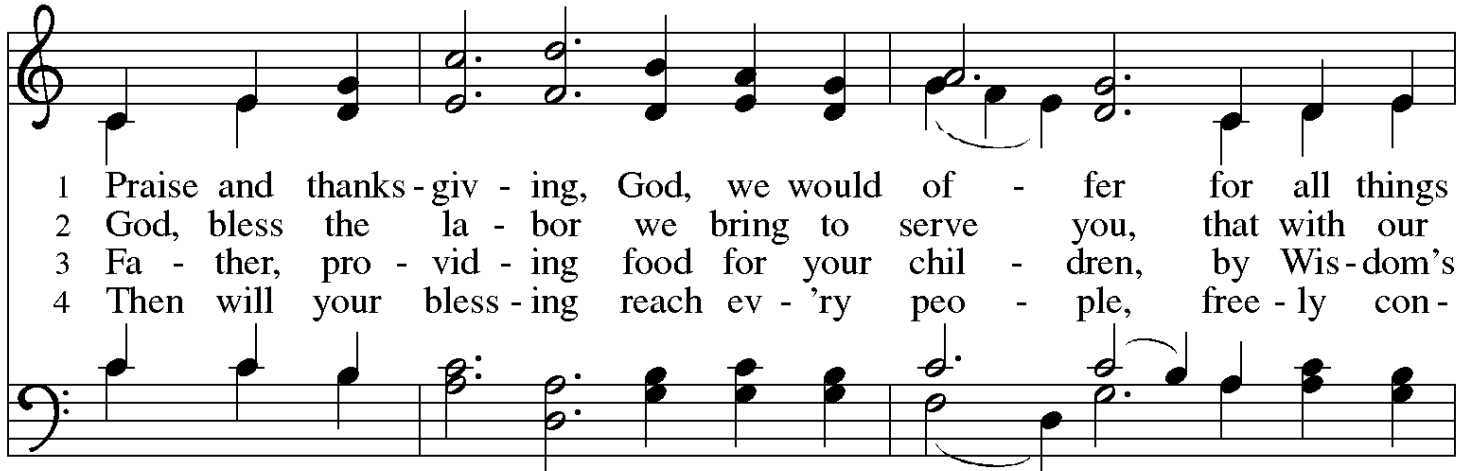
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

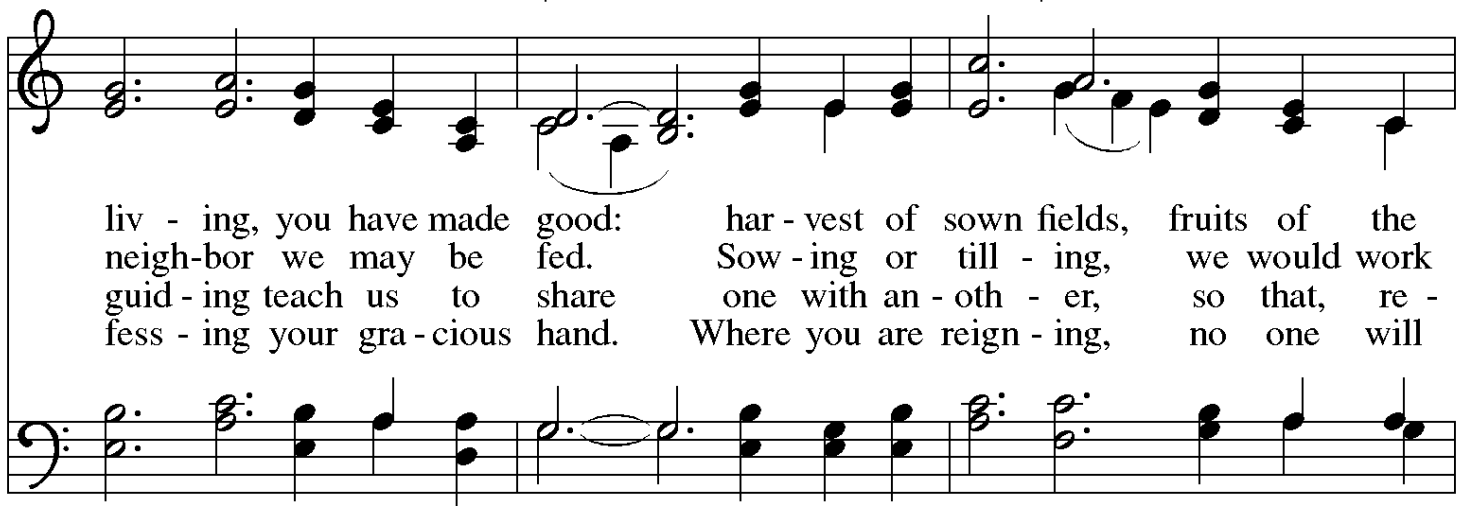
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

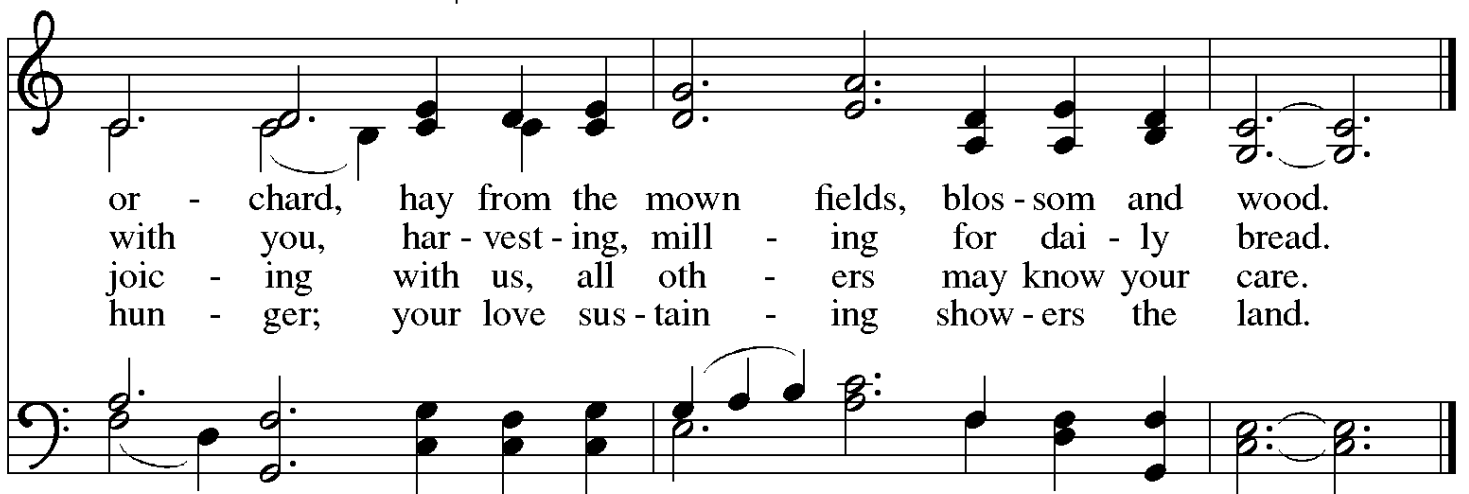
# GATHERING HYMN 689 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

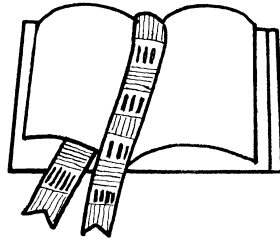
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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## READING Isaiah 55:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>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.

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

<sup>5</sup>See, 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 reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 86:11–17

### *Spoken responsively*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

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

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

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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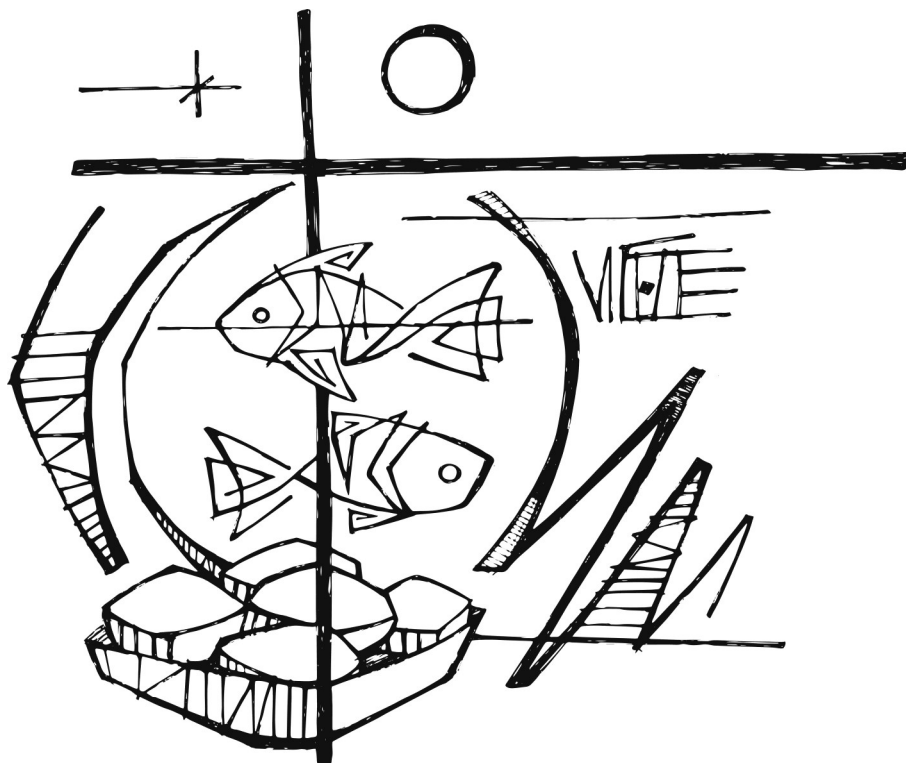
## GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

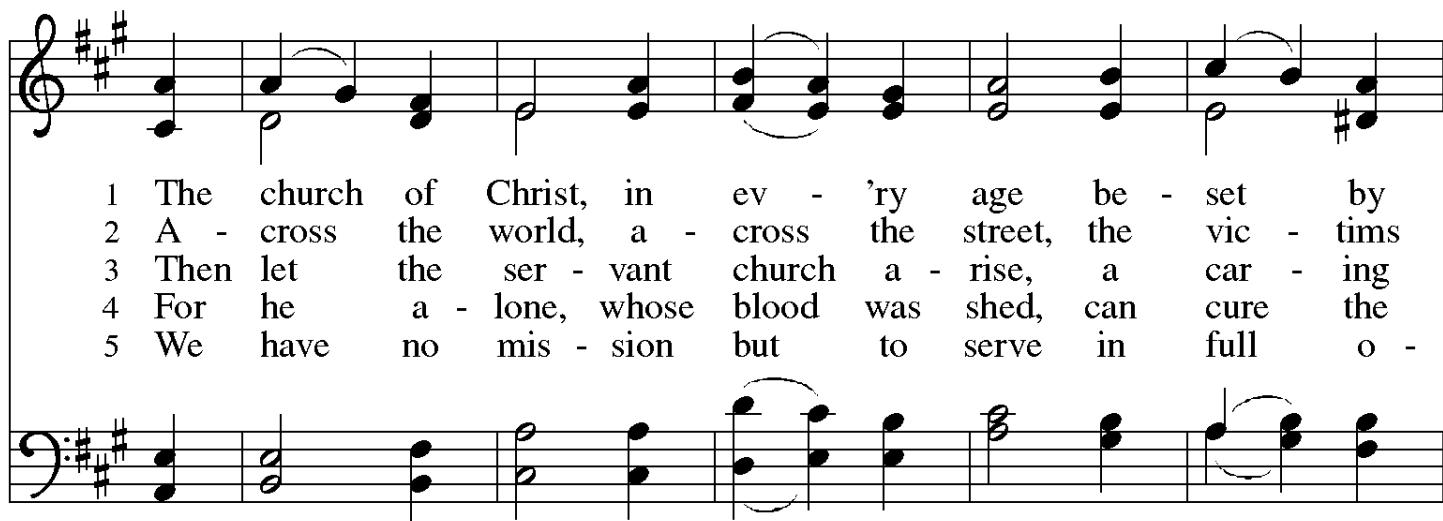
*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON





# HYMN OF THE DAY 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, 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**

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of *Holy Manna*

By Donna Garzinsky (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)

Ringers: Robin Roth, Carol Groote, Judith Cook, Corey Sanders

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **O God, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, by the presentation of these gifts and the offering of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Praise and thanks to God.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### 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 HYMN 538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá*  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Fuga super *Non lob' mein Seel den Herren*

By Georg Friedrich Kauffmann  
(1679–1735)

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR:** URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



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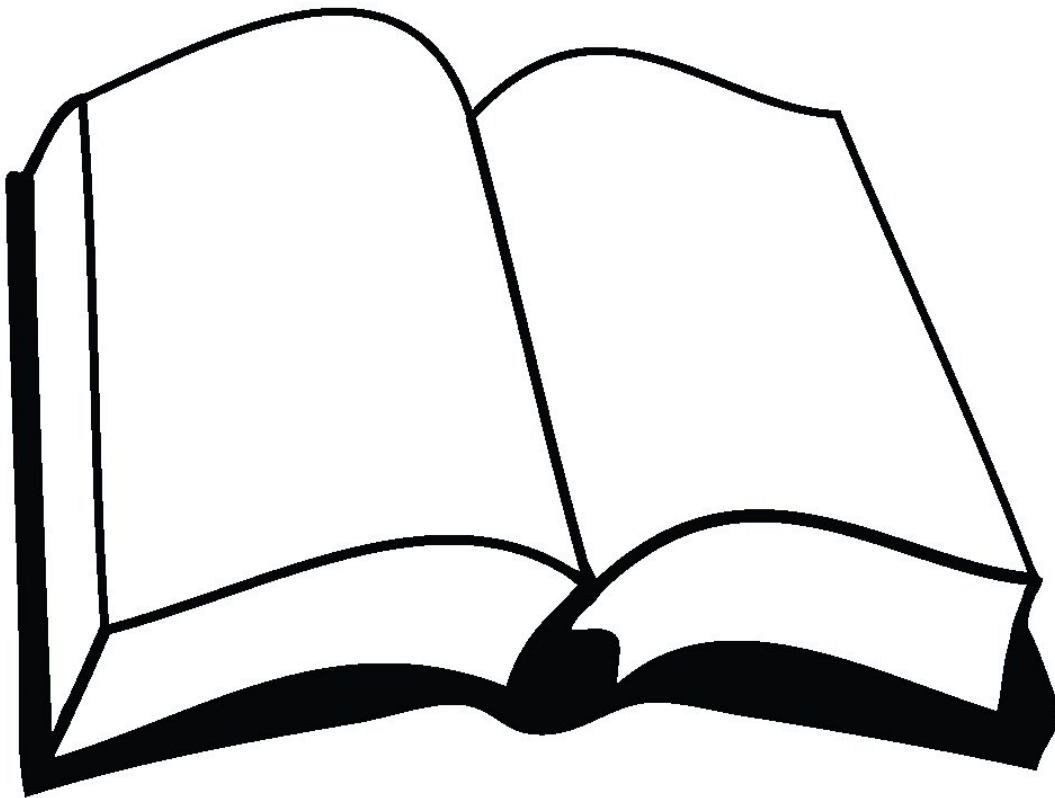
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season, we read stories called **parables**.
- Parables are **stories** that Jesus told.
- Parables help us **learn about God** and grow in faith.

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**Draw a tree—the symbol for Pentecost—inside this storybook.**





**All 5,000 people ate until they were full!**



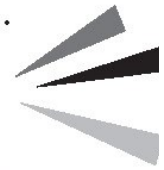
In today's story, Jesus fed 5,000 people! Then his disciples collected the leftovers.



**Color the baskets of fish and bread.  
How many are there?**



Today we learned about Jesus feeding many people.



**Do you ever have snacks before or after worship? Write or draw about snacktime here.**







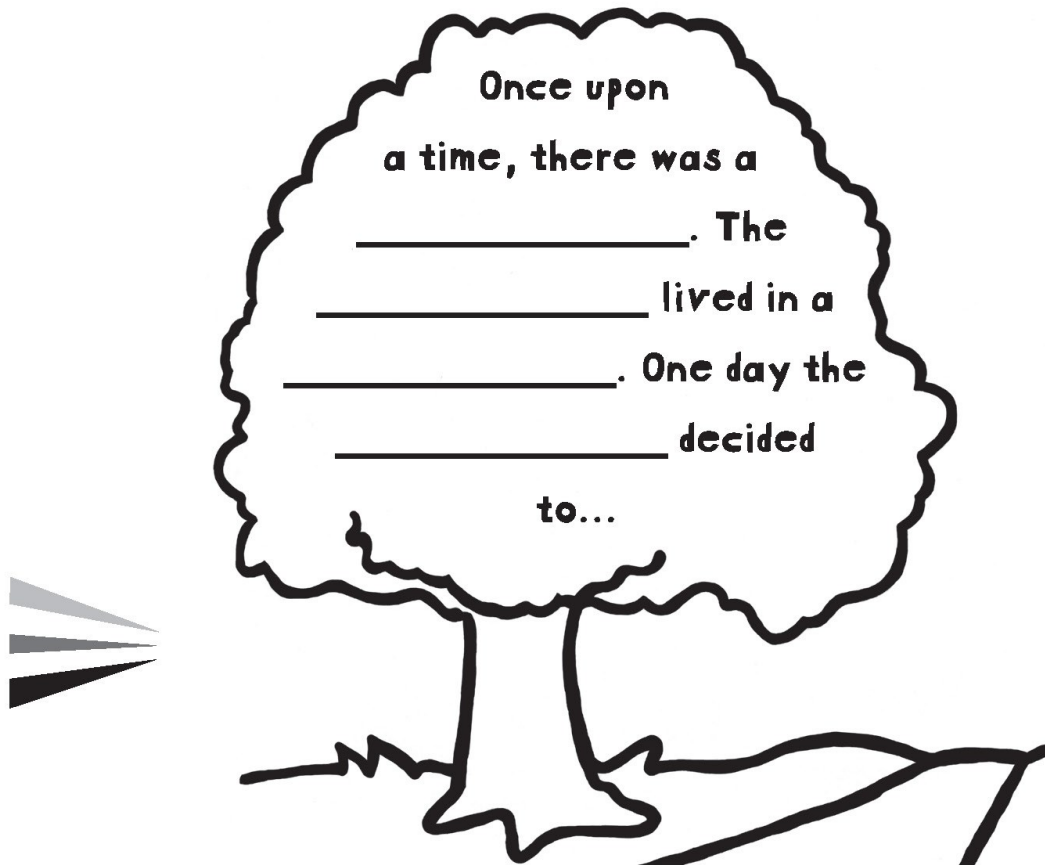
# READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **ninth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During this season, we hear many of Jesus' **parables**.
- Parables are **stories** that Jesus told to **teach us about God**.

## Story Time

You can tell stories like Jesus. Fill in the blanks inside the tree to begin your story. Finish your story in the space below the tree.



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Unscramble the underlined words to reveal this week's memory verse



This is indeed the hopretp who is to come into the odrlw.

This is indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ who is to come into the \_\_\_\_\_.  
John 6:14b



## Fish Finder

Did you know that a fish is a symbol for Jesus? The Greek word for fish is **ΙΧΘΥΣ**. Each letter of this Greek word is the first letter of another Greek word that tells a name for Jesus.

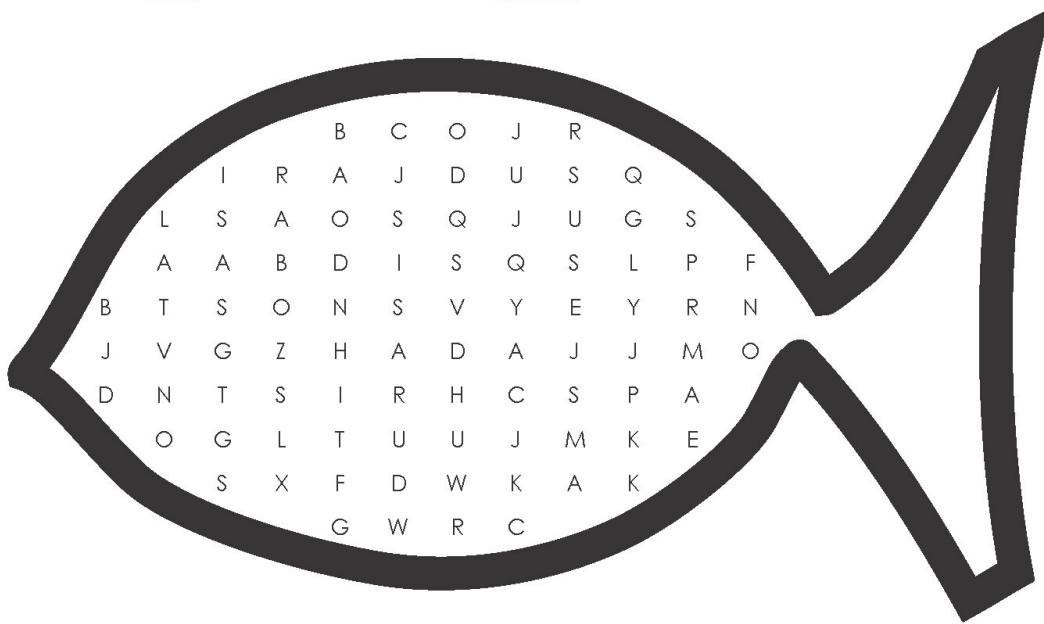
Find these names for Jesus in this fish.

In English these words are:

**Jesus  
Son**

**Christ  
Savior**

**God's**



# Multiplication Miracle

In today's Gospel story, Jesus performed a miracle. He multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish into enough food to feed 5,000 people. Solve these multiplication problems to discover the message!

Key:

A = 10

C = 2

E = 3

H = 8

L = 25

R = 12

S = 9

Jesus wants us to:

3 x 3

4 x 2

5 x 2

4 x 3

3 x 1

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



**Look It Up!**

Today's Gospel story comes from the book of Matthew. The same story is told in the Gospel of John. Read it in John 6:1-14. What is different about this version of the story?

# Practice Peace

One way to share God's love with others is by sharing the peace during worship. When it is time to pass the peace, stand up and shake hands with the people around you. Tell them, "God's peace be with you." Or try saying peace in another language!

