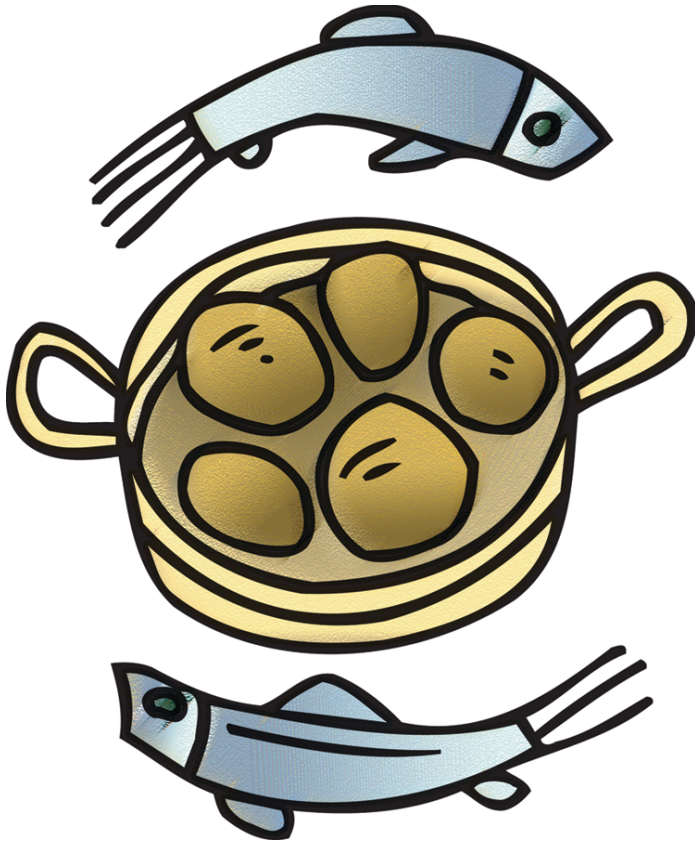


# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## August 6, 2023



***"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. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full."***

Matthew 14:19b-20

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# Welcome to Zion!

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*O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

(Psalm 95:1-2)



Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

## Today's Worship

*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.*

## We Gather

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### GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

### APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray together: **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.**

## We Hear & Respond to God's Word

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*The readings are found on the "Today's Readings" insert.*

### PREPARATION SONG (sung twice)

Open my eyes to truth; Open my hands to give freely.  
Open my lips to good words, to pure words;  
Open my heart to love.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

## SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

*Before the reading:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

These are the words of our Lord. They are true and can be trusted. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #469

"By Your Hand, You Feed Your People"

## APOSTLES' CREED

Together with all Christians of every time, place, and space, let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SHARING OF PEACE

As we prepare our hearts to receive Christ in a meal of thanksgiving, let us first confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness, and make peace with our neighbor.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings and hoarded your bounty. We have failed to be honest, lacked the courage to speak, and spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. You are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

## OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Feast at the Lord's Table

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

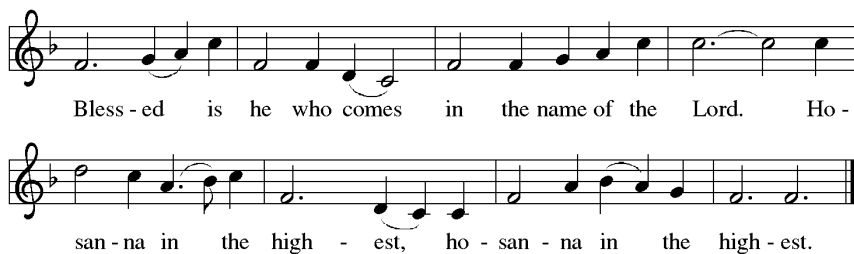
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

"The Good Shepherd"

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Cantor Peter J. Rizzo

*Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.*

### BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

*The assembly responds: **Amen.***

# We Are Sent into the World

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## SONG & PRAYER FOR SENDING

*The Cantor sings the verse. The assembly joins with the refrain:*

Give us ears that we might hear,  
give us eyes that we might see  
Give us hope that we might hope,  
give us faith that we might be  
the ones who break and share your bread,  
declare you risen from the dead  
that all your people might be fed,  
and on the way we might believe.

Let us pray together... **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The assembly responds: Amen.*

## SENDING HYMN

"Draw the Circle Wide"

**Refrain: Draw the circle wide! Draw it wider still...**  
**Let this be our song: no one stands alone.**  
**Standing side by side, draw the circle wide!**

Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before; Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door! **Refrain**

# DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, August 6, 2023  
10th Sunday after Pentecost

## 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.**

## First Reading

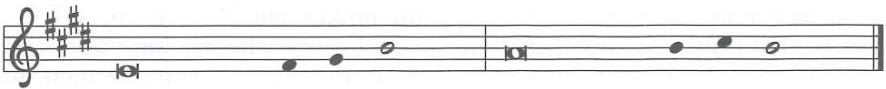
Isaiah 55:1-5

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.

## Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; tone 4



The LORD is gracious  
and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and  
abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are <sup>1</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion  
is over <sup>1</sup> all your works.**  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all <sup>1</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those  
who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon <sup>1</sup> you,  
O LORD,  
and you give them their food  
<sup>1</sup> in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open <sup>1</sup> wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire  
of every <sup>1</sup> living thing.  
<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in <sup>1</sup> all your ways  
and loving in <sup>1</sup> all your works.**  
<sup>18</sup>You are near to all  
who <sup>1</sup> call upon you,  
to all who call up- <sup>1</sup> on you  
faithfully.  
<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of <sup>1</sup> those  
who fear you;  
you hear their <sup>1</sup> cry and save them.**

*continued*

<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.

## Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and

to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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.

TODAY'S READINGS August 6, 2023 (Lectionary 18)

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**AUGUST 6, 2023  
TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Jesus' compassion leads to action.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:13-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-5</b>	<b>An invitation to abundant life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 9:1-5</b>	<b>God's choice of Israel</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 25:1-10</b>	<b>Pray for guidance</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exodus 34:1-9</b>	<b>Moses makes new tablets</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:8-22</b>	<b>Suffering for doing right</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:22-33</b>	<b>Jesus walks on water</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **Matthew 14:14 (NRSV)***

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of abundance, you shower us with your steadfast love. Give us compassionate hearts to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of compassion give you joy through Christ our Lord.



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**AUGUST 6, 2023**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Let Us Talents and  
Tongues Employ*



# taking faith home

## **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:

- In what ways do you show concern for someone who is suffering?
- In what ways have you experienced God caring for your needs?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Matthew 14:13-21.

The reading begins with Jesus being made aware of his cousin's death, the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:8-10). Jesus removed himself from people to grieve in an isolated place. However, the crowds followed him and his alone time was ended before it really had a chance to begin. Instead of showing frustration or anger at the relentless crowds, Jesus showed compassion on them. He healed their sick and then fed the masses who remained with him into the evening. The feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) was a miraculous event motivated by a grieving, yet loving Jesus. Nothing could stop his love. It is a love that is shown in his actions. Those actions lead his followers to be involved, too. Jesus sets the table and blesses the food but his disciples go out to distribute it and pick up the leftovers.

*Discuss:* What do you think it was like for Jesus to be so sorrowful, and yet compassionate enough to heal and to feed his followers?

**Pray: Compassionate God, you provide for us in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Help us to see your love in the world and to be a part of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others who lack food or adequate healthcare?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Cut out a fish or loaf-of-bread shape for yourself and other household members. Write each person's name on it. As part of your home devotions, name talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your "loaves" or "fish." Think or talk about ways that you can bless others through the God-given gifts and talents that were named. Say this blessing: **May the God of abundance guide you to use your gifts to bless others.**



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