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Prelude
 Tower Bells and Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plates by the sanctuary doors. Completed cards may also left on the pew seat.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

(Thanks to Deborah Rockrohr for singing the hymns for this online version.)

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
 By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
 Drawn from earth to love You solely.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
 Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
 Till Your Spirit breaks our night
 With the beams of truth unclouded.
 You alone to God can win us;
 You must work all good within us.

4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
 Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
 While we here below must wander,
 Till we sing Your praises yonder.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Introit Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**4 to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

5 to him who by understanding made the
heavens, for his steadfast love endures
forever;

**6 to him who spread out the earth above the
waters, for his steadfast love endures
forever;**

7 to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**8 the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**23 It is he who remembered us in our low
estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

24 and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**25 he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Collect for the Day

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

All: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the
waters; and he who has 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 labor for that
which does not satisfy?

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

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

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

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

5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do
not know, and a nation that did not know you
shall run to you, because of the Lord your
God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 9:1-13

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that 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 brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 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 their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. 9 For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21 (*stand*)

L: The Gospel Reading is from St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate 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 on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Sermon "Jesus Knows What We Need in Every Situation" Matthew 14:14-16

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1. Jesus has compassion on all people, at all times. Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, had just been put to death by King Herod as recorded earlier in Matthew chapter 14. The followers of John the Baptist told Jesus that John had been put to death. Matthew recorded,

"Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself."

In several places in the Gospels it is recorded Jesus retreats to a lonely place to pray or to rest. This time the crowds followed Jesus when they found out where He went. Jesus gets out of the boat and there the crowds are again!

But did Jesus complain that people were looking for Him, or needed Him? No! He had compassion on them. He heals the sick.

There is never an awkward or wrong time to ask Jesus for help! Sometimes we might think a problem that is troubling us is too small, or too unimportant to tell Jesus. No, that is never said about Jesus in the Bible. Jesus has compassion for all who need Him. We can always and anytime pray to Jesus for help.

2. Jesus knew the details of the people's needs better than they knew themselves.

The crowds found Jesus and Jesus healed the sick people. But Jesus' concern did not stop there. They were in a "desolate place" and the disciples said to Jesus – "These people need food, send them to the villages nearby to get themselves food!"

But Jesus knew the people needed more than healing the sick. The crowds needed to know *Jesus had compassion for them for all things in life*. The crowds needed to know Jesus' love and His power to take care of them.

It can be said as simple as this, Jesus cared that they had supper in a desolate place.

Now we note: It is not that Jesus does not want people to earn a living. Jesus made His own disciple's work for food at other times. Jesus know the best way to provide for us whatever our situation might be.

In John chapter twenty-one, after Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus' disciples had fished all night and caught nothing... when He came to His disciples what does Jesus say?

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

Jesus did not say, "I will do it for you." Or, "Don't worry, here is a load of money so you can buy what you need." No, even after fishing all night, Jesus tells them to cast out the nets again.

The crowds' situation needed a lot of food from a small amount of food, right away. They needed supper right now. They needed a miracle.

The disciples needed to do a little more fishing, to do a little more work, and then Jesus would provide.

Each situation is different, but Jesus' compassion is the same. Jesus wants to provide, but Jesus knows the best way to provide in each situation.

Sometimes we humans say like the disciples, “We only have a small amount. No resources. This is not going to work.” But Jesus wants us to see and believe He will provide with what we think is not enough.

Other times, we might work a lot and all the work seems for nothing. And God tells us to do a bit more work. And we might think, this is a waste of time – but God wants us to listen and obey, and to see His gifts.

Jesus knows our situation better than we do. Sometimes Jesus provides without us even knowing what happened. We are just surprised. And other times, Jesus shows us we need to work some more at it. Jesus knows what we need, and how best to provide for us.

3. Don't be afraid to pray about anything at all. Jesus has compassion and will answer in His own way.

The crowds needed a big miracle to get some supper. Jesus cared that they had supper. Jesus had compassion. And He provided.

The disciples needed some fish, but Jesus wanted them to work a bit more. Jesus had compassion, but He wanted to give to His disciples through their own work.

We should never be shy to bring anything to Jesus in prayer.

Jesus, I need a job!

Jesus, I need healing!

Jesus, I need help making this supper tonight!

Jesus, I really need a good crop!

Jesus, I need a good grade in school!

Whatever problem or need we face, we can bring it to Jesus. But we can't tell Jesus what to do or how to do it. He already knows. Sometimes an answer will come quickly. Sometimes we have to do more work. But there is never any doubt that Jesus has compassion on us. Jesus teaches on us to ask Him; and then to listen to Him; and to do the work He gives us and watch for His answer.

The Prayers of Zion Lutheran Church

Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us. *Brief silence*

Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son's body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we too quickly focus on what we lack and not upon Your unlimited grace. Bless all relief agencies and services of Your Church on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the hurting and those

who have lost hope. Bless those visited by disaster and tragedy, and open our hearts to help them recover from their loss. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for _____ and those named in our hearts. Good Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we remember the saints who lived by Your mercy and died in Christ. We long for that day when all divisions will end and the Church in heaven and earth shall be one in Your presence, singing Your praise in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear “Your will be done”; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

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**

Responses, Closing Collect and Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thank be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
So when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
O know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then noting can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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