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## THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED

## AS WE GATHER

Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

# + PREPARATION +

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Silence for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P The Lord remembered us in our low estate,
- **G** His steadfast love endures forever;
- P He rescued us from our foes,
- **G** His steadfast love endures forever;
- P He gives food to all flesh,
- **G** His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** give thanks to the God of heaven,
- **C** His steadfast love endures forever.

- May the God who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### + WORD +

#### **KYRIE**

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **Lord**, have mercy.
- **P** For heavenly peace amid the earthly trials of life and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For peace between the nations and that the work of the Church prospers, let us pray to the Lord.

С	Lord,	have	mercy.
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- For all here assembled to worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness and receive the blessings of His grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For ears to hear the Word of life and hearts that find contentment in Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- For unity and peace that strife does not distract or hinder us from the work of God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That Your will be done on earth as in heaven, that we rest in Your peace and quietness, and that You defend us against all our adversaries, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Amen.

#### SALUTATION

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us 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

<sup>1</sup>"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. <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 diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>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** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# PSALM

Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

- **G** Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- **P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Give thanks to the God of gods,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** to Him who alone does great wonders,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- ${f P}$  to Him who by understanding made the heavens,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$  to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- to Him who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, the moon and stars to rule over the night,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever;

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.

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

#### EPISTLE

Romans 9:1–13

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

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>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 his call—<sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], 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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here 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, 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. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Matthew 14:13–21



#### SERMON

- NICENE CREED
- I believe in one God,
  - the Father Almighty,
    - maker of heaven and earth
      - and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God. begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- E Knowing that You have established Your Church by Your Word and Spirit and endowed her with the Means of Grace, we pray for those who serve us in Your name: for [*name*], our Synod President; [*name*], our District President; and for our pastors and church workers. Raise up those who will follow in their footsteps and serve You faithfully on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- E Knowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts*], that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mindful of the poor and those who struggle with daily needs, we ask You, O Lord, to grant us the good fruits of the earth and the fruits of our honest labors to supply what we need and for the poor, the needy, and the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

#### Local concerns may be added here.

Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

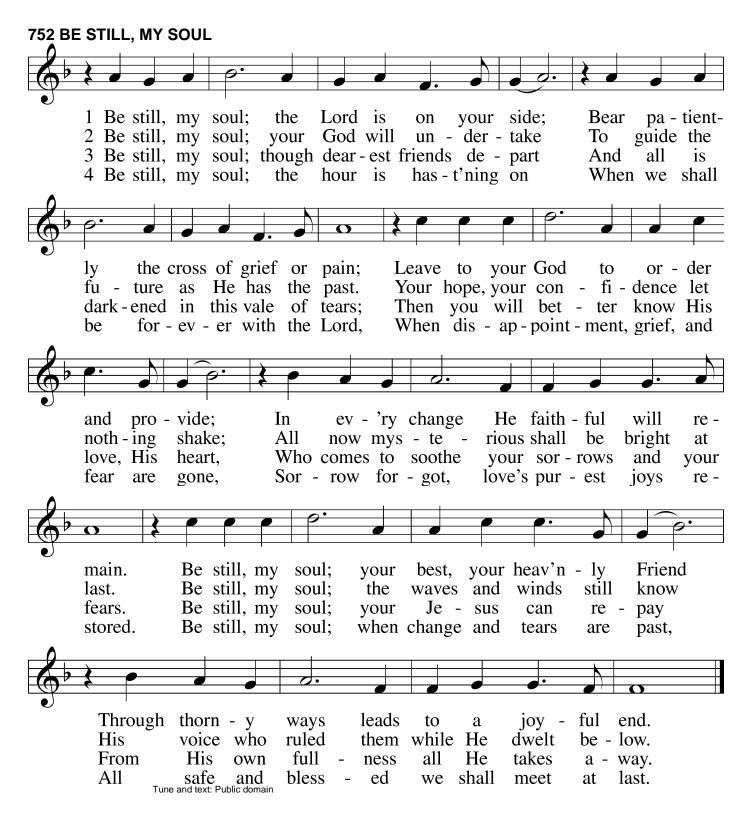
## LORD'S PRAYER

 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.

#### OFFERING

#### BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.



#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

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# Prayers

## Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Sam Greig**, **Ivy Shao**, **Michelle Stevens**, and **Karne Warner** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Paul and Rita Summerson's baby girl that is due late August, and for no complications during pregnancy and delivery.

Thanksgiving that Jessica Heiden's biopsy came back benign.

## Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **anxiety and depression**.

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

Comfort for the family of Carol Thornton as her sister Barbara has passed away last week.

for Lois, Carol's other sister, as she is in Tyler, TX with broken bones.

Comfort for the family and friends of Bessie Kessler who passed away recently.

## **Other Prayers**

Safety for **all who are traveling**.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

# Announcements:

# **Summer of Scripture**

This Year's Summer of Scripture reading program will focus on Romans. Reading plans are available in the weekly email newsletter and on Facebook. If you don't already receive the weekly email and would like to be added to the list let Jodie know at jodie.stahlecker@concordiapullman.org