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Romans 9

Collect

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. C Amen

Introit

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;* make known his deeds among the | peoples!
He spread a cloud for a | covering,* and fire to give | light by night. They asked, and he | brought
quail,* and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance. **He opened the rock, and water | gushed
out;* it flowed through the desert like a | river.** For he remembered his holy | promise,* and
Abraham, his | servant. **So he brought his people | out with joy,* his chosen ones with | singing.**
**Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is
now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Readings

Old Testament/Isaiah 55:1–5. Epistle/Romans 9:1–13. Gospel/Matthew 14:13–21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

- By the Gospel of “*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*” (Rom. 9:5), we are “*the children of God*” (Rom. 9:8), “*not because of works but because of him who calls*” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “*listen diligently*” and “*hear, that your soul may live.*”
- By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “*an everlasting covenant*” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself.
- As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “*said a blessing,*” broke the loaves “*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

Stewardship

**Matt. 14:17-18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’
And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’”**

When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

Sermon Notes

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From One Man: A Christian response to Racism Acts 17:24-28

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,. for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

When we remember that God not only created us, but provides everything we need and desires us to live as His offspring in a relationship of love and gratitude with Him and each other, we will have found the only effective response to the racism that threatens to tear us apart.

1. **God is the Maker of heaven and earth**

- a. He made the world and everything in it. He owns it
- b. He gives mankind life and breath and everything

2. **From one man He made every nation**

- a. He scattered us and created diversity of language and tribe
- b. He determines allotted times and boundaries of our dwelling

3. **He desires all mankind to live in a relationship of love**

- a. He is not far; in Him we live and move and have our being
- b. We are indeed His offspring -- in Jesus, crucified and risen

“... because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Discipleship Leading to Evangelism

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison, but refused to carry a grudge against his captors. He later said of his release from prison, ***"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."*** Wikipedia

God's Love involves BOTH

- ***compassion, kindness, and mercy beyond measure
(what the New Testament calls grace)***
- ***but also indignation against injustice and unrelenting opposition
to all that is evil.***

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Prayer of the Church. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. 2 August 2020.

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.

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 give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Guard her life by Your Spirit, and strengthen her witness before the nations. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church-work vocations. 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 know that Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace. Guide us to seek our consolation in Your Word and Sacraments, and prepare us to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are daily and richly surrounded with Your love and care. Grant us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning and grateful hearts, that what we have received we may share with those in need and generously support the work of Your Church. 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.**

Hymns

Pre-Service Music **Rising NewSong 119**

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives	602
Lord of All Nations,	527
O Living Bread from Heaven	642
Grant Me Grace	844
Glorious Things of You Are Spoken	648

Pray This Week for Brothers and Sisters at Concordia

Monday: Jim VonDissen	Thursday: Peter Windes
Tuesday: Larry & Lois Windes	Friday: John & Barbara Allen
Wednesday: Andrew Windes	Saturday: Ed & Betty Athey

This Week at Concordia

Sunday, August 2	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, August 3 <i>Pastor out of town at prayer retreat</i>	1:00 p.m. Members-in-Touch
Tuesday, August 4 <i>Pastor out of town at prayer retreat</i>	
Wednesday, August 5 <i>Pastor out of town at prayer retreat</i>	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Burger King on Clinchfield Street
Thursday, August 6	9:00 a.m. Elder's Meeting
Friday, August 7	
Saturday, August 8	
Sunday, August 9	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service