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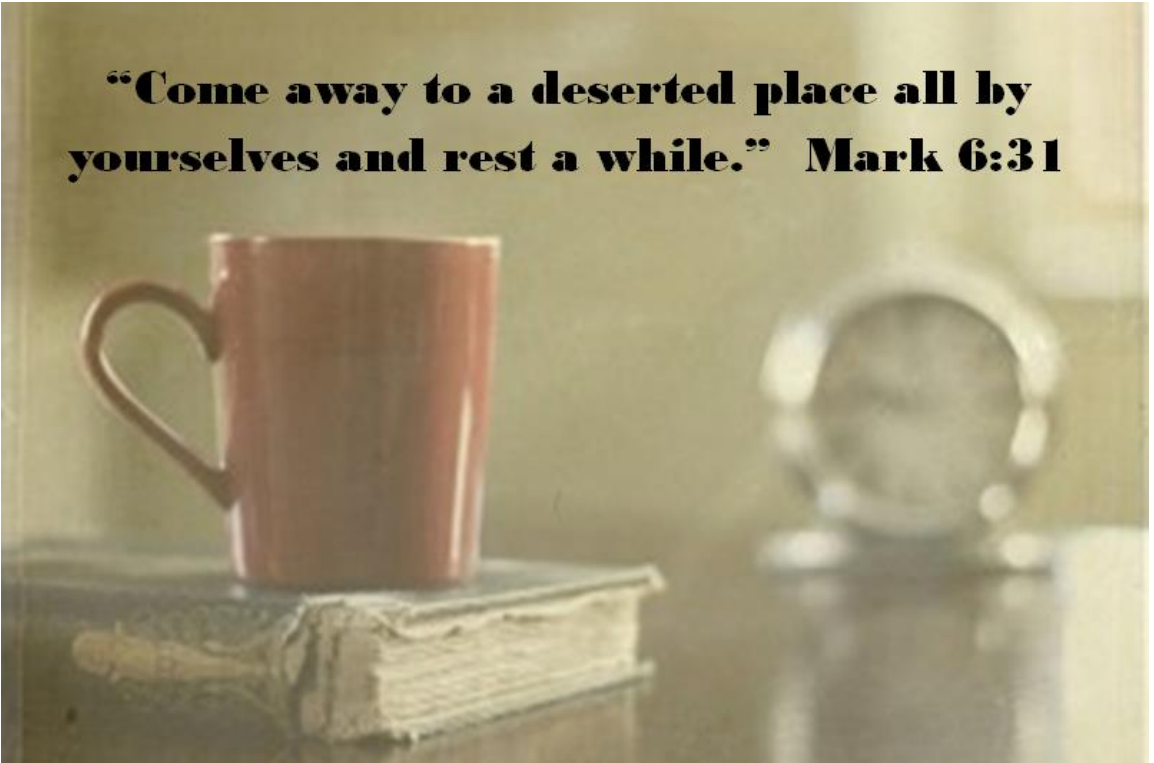
June 21, 2024 ~ 10:10 a.m.

Library Square

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Mark 6:31



Gathering Music: "Jesus Name Above all Names"

**Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word**

Greeting/Announcements

Song "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought
and storm. What heights of love! What depths of peace! When fears are
stilled when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love
of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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 reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ 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.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile sinners by the forgiveness of sins. Help us at all times to ask for what will please you, and equip us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Song "Run to the Father"

**I've carried a burden for too long on my own,
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go, I see it now.
I'm laying it down and I know that I need You.**

***Chorus 1:* I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding,
no reason to wait. My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend,
so I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again.
Oh, oh, again and again and again and again. Oh, oh, oh. Again and again.**

**You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love. I don't understand,
I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.**

Chorus 1

**My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death,
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out;
just as I am, You pull me in and I know I need You now.**

***Chorus 2:* I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding,
no reason to wait. My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend,
so I'll run to the Father. Again and again and again and again.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds: Niki Pokornowski

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Sermon "The Meal that Reveals" Pastor Scott Grorud

Song "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

***Refrain:* Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you, I will seek other seas.**

You know full well what I have Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

**You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary,
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are
yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

Baptism: Treylon Christopher Hirman and Camdyn Adam-Anthony Hirman

sons of Dion Hirman and Kayla Glesener

Sponsors for Treylon: Rick Anderson, Cheri Glesener,
and Marissa Glesener

Sponsors for Camdyn: Ethan Glesener, Marissa Glesener, and
Sharri Anderson



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering

Offertory Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

The 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.

Benediction

Sending Song "Take to the World"

**Go in peace to love and to serve,
And let your ears ring long with what you have heard,
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs,
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from.**

***Chorus:* And take to the world this love, hope and faith, Take to the world this rare relentless grace, And like the three in one, Know you must become what you want to save, 'Cause that's still the way, He takes to the world.**

**Go and go far, take light deep in the dark,
Believe what's true, use it all, even you,
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs,
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from. *Chorus***

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"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about today's worship theme

1. Why is the miracle in today's Gospel text hard even to imagine?
2. Why might the miracle have especially caught the attention of the early Church?
3. What does it mean that Jesus had "compassion" on the crowds?
4. How does this meal serve to reveal the entire promise of the Gospel?

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