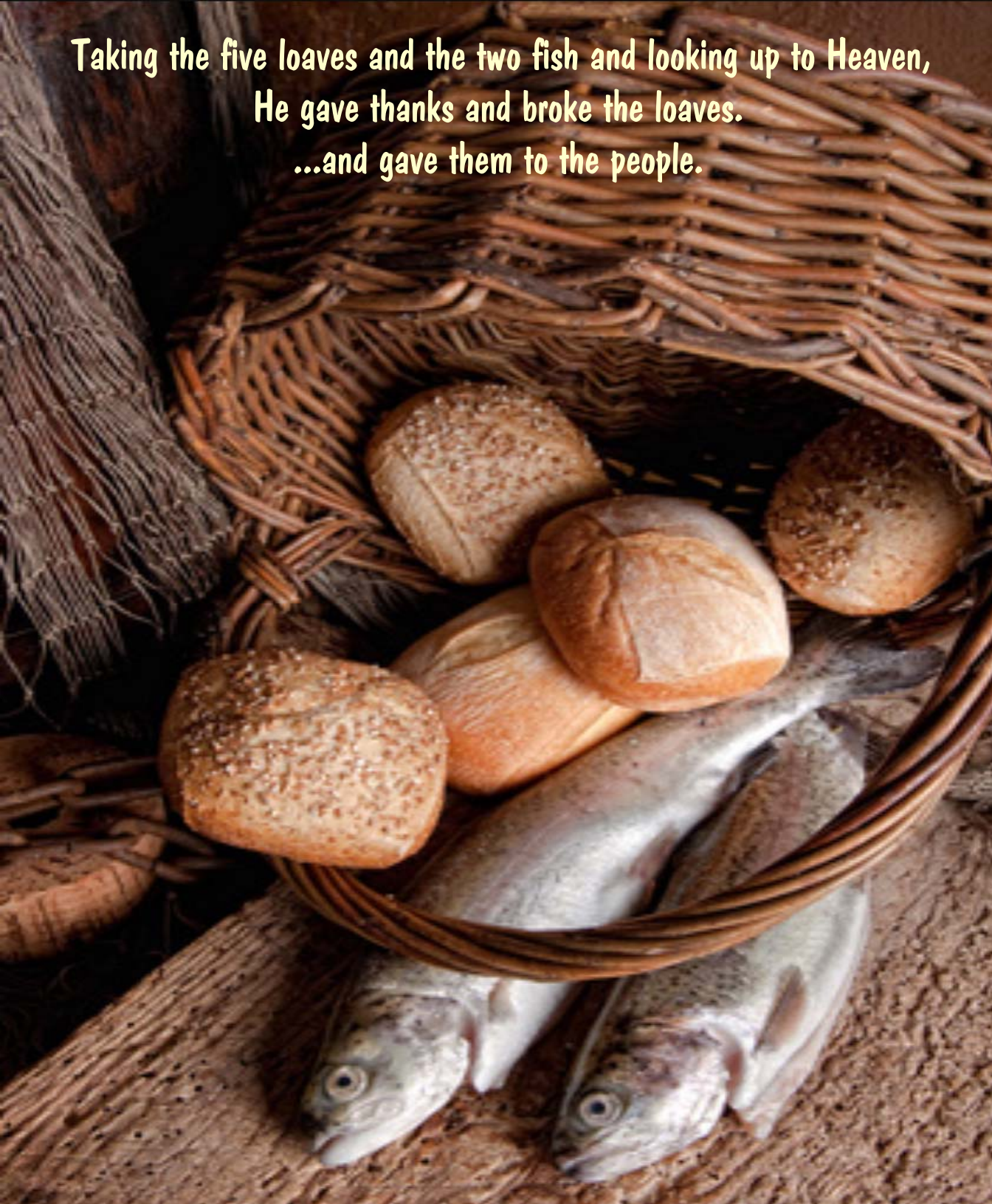


Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to Heaven,  
He gave thanks and broke the loaves.  
...and gave them to the people.



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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May 2020, Resurrection celebrated forty two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**The Lessons and Liturgy Today**

Jesus used five loaves of bread and two fish to feed 5,000 families. This was enough for all, with twelve baskets of fragments left over! His followers had assumed that this would not be enough; they had not realized what He could do if they only turned their resources over to Him. This miracle is a tangible reminder of the free gift of Eternal Life that comes anew through Word and Sacrament each time we worship. The Apostle Paul lamented that many of his fellow Jews did not know about the blessings God offers through Christ. Each time we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 2, 2020 — 9:30 A.M.**

**PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE**

*Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy* — arr. C.A. Reed

**WELCOME**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)  
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.



**INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
(*Spoken on behalf of the congregation by the Worship Assistant, Vicar Alan, hereafter, "A".*)  
A **Amen.**

P "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters." (*Isaiah 55:1*)  
A **God gives food to all flesh.**

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good,  
A **for His Steadfast Love endures forever.** (*Psalms 136:25, 1*)

## ❖ CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P God calls us to rely on Him for all we need to support this body and life, all that we call "daily bread." And He offers it "without money and without price." (*Isaiah 55:1*)  
A **We confess that we have relied more on our own logic and planning; and, in our worrying, have not taken God at His Word.**

P Our Heavenly Father offers more than physical food: He freely extends to us the Eternal Covenant He made with Abraham and with David. (*Romans 9:8*) (*Isaiah 55:5*)  
It was signed and sealed in Jesus, the Son of God. We have been united with God's people of all time in His Kingdom.  
A **We confess that too often we have counted on our own good deeds and religious knowledge to ensure our entrance into the Heavenly Banquet Hall.**

P Our Lord would have us extend the Kingdom as we meet the needs of the people around us; as He told His disciples to feed the thousands with the bread and fish He would multiply. (*Matthew 14:16*)  
A **We confess that, at times, we have been content to find peace in our own salvation and have not translated our faith into loving action – using God's Gifts for the good of others and the spread of the Gospel.**

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good, for His Steadfast Love endures forever. Our Lord's once-for-all sacrifice on the cross and His glorious resurrection has not only opened Heaven to us; but has covered our sins of weak faith, pride in ourselves, and failure to see the opportunities for ministry around us. (*Psalms 136:1*)

P Therefore, as a Called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Come and be nourished on the bounty of God's Word and Sacraments.

A Amen. Thanks be to God!

## MUSICAL OFFERING, ENTRANCE HYMN

*Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

LSB 648, vs. 1-2

*(Sung by soloist)*

1. Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

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## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your Goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

A 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

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

(God promises to provide true nourishment and an Eternal Kingdom.)

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to Me, and eat what is good,  
and your soul will delight in the richest of  
fare.

Give ear and come to Me;  
hear me, that your soul may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with  
you, My Faithful Love promised to David.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING, PSALM HYMN

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

Psalm 136

**LBW 520, vs. 1-3**

*(Sung by soloist)*

1. Give to our God immortal praise!  
Mercy and truth are all his ways;  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
Repeat his mercies in your song.
2. He sent his Son with pow'r to save  
From guilt and darkness and the grave.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
Repeat his mercies in your song.
3. Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
The King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When lords and kings are known no more!

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## EPISTLE READING

(God's promises are for all whom He calls.)

*Romans 9:1–13*

I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying,  
my conscience confirms it in the Holy  
Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing  
anguish in my heart.  
For I could wish that I myself were cursed  
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my

brothers, those of my own race, the  
people of Israel.  
Theirs is the adoption as sons;  
theirs the Divine Glory, the covenants,  
the receiving of the Law, the temple  
worship and the promises.

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them  
is traced the human ancestry of Christ,  
Who is God over all, forever praised!  
Amen.

It is not as though God's word had failed.  
For not all who are descended from Israel  
are Israel.

Nor because they are his descendants are  
they all Abraham's children.

On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that  
your offspring will be reckoned."

In other words, it is not the natural  
children who are God's Children, but it is  
the children of the promise who are  
regarded as Abraham's offspring.

For this was how the promise was stated:  
"At the appointed time I will return,  
and Sarah will have a son."

Not only that, but Rebekah's children had  
one and the same father, our father Isaac.  
Yet, before the twins were born or had  
done anything good or bad—in order that  
God's Purpose in election might stand:  
not by works but by Him Who calls—she  
was told,

"The older will serve the younger."

Just as it is written:

"Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

A **Alleluia. Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;  
He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.** *(Psalm 78:25)*

## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 14:13-21*

(Jesus feeds more than 5,000 with the miracle of loaves and fish – and all were satisfied.)

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

A **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard what had happened,  
He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary  
place.

Hearing of this, the crowds followed Him  
on foot from the towns.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,  
He had compassion on them and healed  
their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples  
came to Him and said,

"This is a remote place, and it's already  
getting late.

Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied,

"They do not need to go away.

You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to Me," He said.

And He directed the people to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to Heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P      This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A      **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lea Webb, Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry

## **MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

**LSB 848, vs. 1-3**

*(Sung by soloist)*

### **1. Lord, whose love through humble service**

Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

### **2. Still Your children wander homeless;**

Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.

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## SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Food in the Wilderness to Receive and to Give

*Matthew 14:13-21*

See Sermon Outline on page 11



## APOSTLES' CREED

- A 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.



## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
A **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
A **Amen.**

## ❖ LORD'S PRAYER

A **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

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
A **Amen.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING, SENDING HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

**LSB 848, vs. 4**

*(Sung by soloist)*

4. Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

**OFFERING** (The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, and in the mail.)

## POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on CORONATION* – Holden/arr. C.A. Reed

### Servants in Worship

Preacher	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist	Vicar Alan Shaw
Assisting Minister	Lea Webb, Co-Director of Children and Family Ministry
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Food in the Wilderness to Receive and to Give (Matthew 14:13–21)  
Proper 13/9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

I've been talking to many of you recently about what neighborhood small group ministry at RLC could look like. How might our understanding of “church” change when we think of church as present in the place we call home? For the next four weeks I'll use the appointed readings to feature different aspects of small group ministry. This week our topic is **service**.

- I. Today we read one of the few \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus recorded in \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ accounts: Jesus' multiplication of loaves and fishes.
  - a. In Matthew, this miracle follows immediately on the death of John the Baptist (cf. 14:1-13).
  - b. In Matthew, we find a contrast between two kingdoms: the kingdom of the world (which we know only too well!) and the kingdom of God, as Jesus revealed it.
- II. *You* \_\_\_\_\_ bread for life in your wilderness!
  - a. St. Matthew stresses the similarity between this meal in the wilderness after John's death with another meal—the Lord's Supper; in both instances Jesus “takes...blesses...breaks...and gives” (compare v. 19 to Matt 26:26).
  - b. The same Jesus who “upon the cross forsaken offered mercy's perfect deed” (*LSB* 848) is at the center of this wilderness meal and the Supper that proclaims the death of Christ that we receive as His disciples!
  - c. Are we to be “consumers” as Christians? Absolutely! In the midst of our spiritual hunger we eat the body of Christ, and live!
- III. *You* \_\_\_\_\_ bread for life in their wilderness!
  - a. The disciples' practical solution to the crowd's hunger was that the crowd of 5000+ people go into the local village and pay for a meal.
  - b. Jesus uses the meager gifts of the disciples to satisfy the crowd; being a disciple means being a worker...being a disciple means being a good steward of the limited resources on hand...being a disciple means being a servant.
  - c. God's miracle in Jesus is to use our meager gifts to truly satisfy the hungry of body and soul.
- IV. The service of small groups, in and amongst our neighbors: You/We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ whatever God entrusts to us.



## **Online Vacation Bible School with BOLT!**

From August 3-6, we'll be using BOLT VBS, designed for you to perform with your family at home. We will lead you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days.

All information including registration, instructions, videos, and resources can be found at [rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school](http://rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school).

Join us on Monday, August 3 at 9:00 am for a live stream kick off on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC))!

**Get your family excited about BOLT.**  
**This is going to be SO MUCH FUN!**

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