



## *Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way*

August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

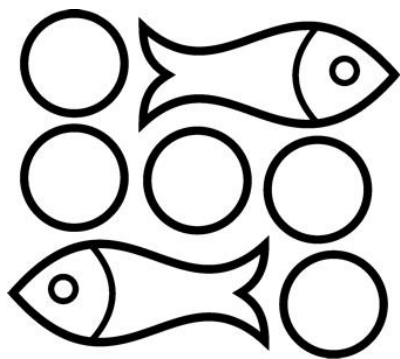
### *9th Sunday after Pentecost*

Hellooooo friends! What's your favorite thing to eat? I love pancakes. I could eat pancakes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day! When we eat pancakes, I usually make enough for the three of us who are at home in my family, and usually, we have one or two left over. Guess who gets those? My dogs -they love pancakes too!

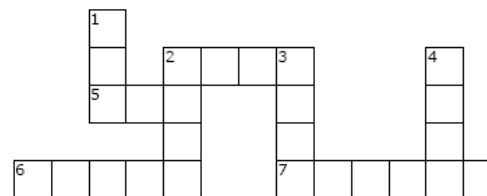
Back in Jesus' day, the food that was readily available was fish and loaves of bread. Fish, because the areas where Jesus traveled were mostly fishing towns and bread...well, biblical folks always had bread! Our gospel lesson from Matthew this morning talks about Jesus feeding FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE with just FIVE fish and TWO loaves of bread! That's like me making pancakes for my family, but being able to feed my entire neighborhood! How can that be enough food?!! OH! And they had 12 baskets of food left over! Impossible? Well, not for Jesus.

Jesus performed a miracle by taking what was given to him by his disciples and turning into MORE than enough. Jesus can take what little we bring to him and make it into something huge, we just have to be open to giving what we have to the Lord. Even though you may be little, you have wonderful gifts to share with all of God's people and the Lord will make sure that it's more than enough.

Provider God, you take our gifts and multiply them for the good of creation. Help us to be generous with all that you have given to us. Amen.



## *Crossword Puzzle*



### ACROSS

2. An animal without legs that lives in water
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked
7. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating

### DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
3. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
4. The number that comes after four and before six

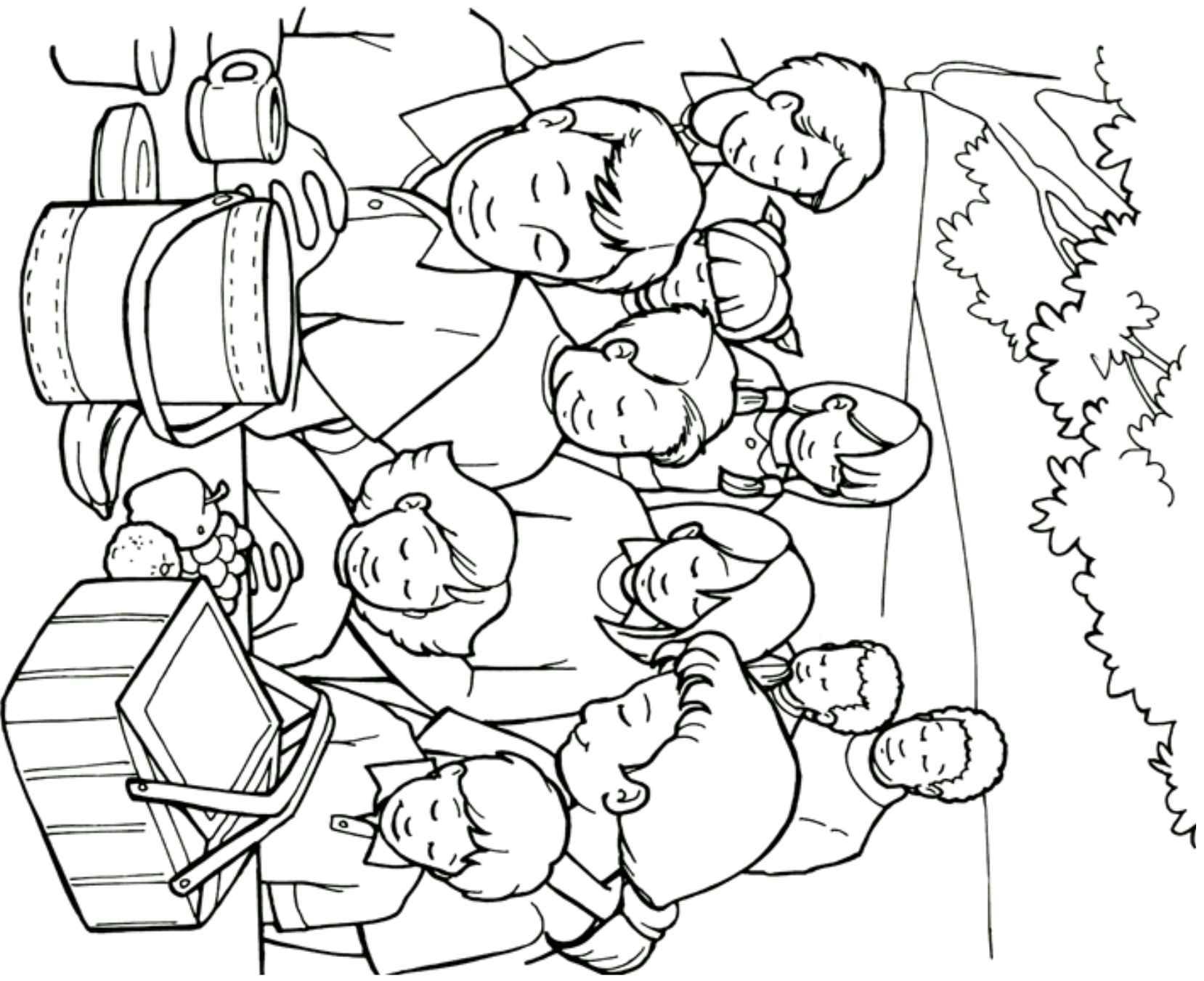
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| FIVE<br>FISH | BREAD<br>LOAVES | EAT<br>FOOD | TWO<br>HEAL |
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**Activity:** This week, as a family, seek out ways to serve the hungry poor in your community. Ask your Pastor for resources. There is always work to be done in God's Kingdom.

### **Family Table Prayer for August:**

The air we breathe is precious  
As are all people in Your sight  
Make us one with each other  
United in heart and mind. Amen.

**August Memory Verse:** How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Psalm 133:1



**Jesus can feed a crowd with a little food**

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