

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Listen to what's right, Lord; pay attention to my cry! Listen closely to my prayer; it's spoken by lips that don't lie! My justice comes from you; let your eyes see what is right! You have examined my heart, testing me at night. You've looked me over closely, but haven't found anything wrong. My mouth doesn't sin. But these other people's deeds? I have avoided such violent ways by the command from your lips. My steps are set firmly on your paths; my feet haven't slipped. I cry out to you because you answer me. So tilt your ears toward me now—listen to what I'm saying! Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways because you are the one who saves those who take refuge in you, saving them from their attackers by your strong hand. But me? I will see your face in righteousness; when I awake, I will be filled full by seeing your image.

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to me." He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.



Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:00 am
**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG OF BEGINNING

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
vs. 1 & 3, #351 Red Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who seek the presence of God. Bring your hopes, your burdens, your hunger, and your prayers.

People: **We come trusting that God hears the cries of the faithful and surrounds us with steadfast love.**

Leader: The psalmist declares, "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." Our God is attentive, gracious, and near.

People: **We lift our hearts to the One who watches over us and keeps us in unflinching care.**

Leader: When the crowds gathered in a lonely place, Jesus looked upon them with compassion. He healed the hurting, welcomed the searching, and fed the hungry.

People: Christ still invites us to bring what we have, however small, and trust in God's abundant provision.

Leader: In God's presence, our deepest hunger is met, our weary spirits are renewed, and our lives are transformed.

All: Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 17:1-7, 15

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

Children Kindergarten and under may go to the Nursery. 1st through 5th grade may go to the Chapel for Children's Church.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Celtic Communion*

Summer Theme: S.O.S. – Summer of Service

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON *Starting with What's in Your Hands*

*HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*
vs. 1-3, #618 Red Hymnal

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary. Once the meal has been blessed, you will be invited to come forward by the ushers. You may hold your hand out and a piece of bread will be given to you and you may take a cup from the tray. You may eat and drink as you receive. Gluten-free bread is available from the server at the center.

As you return to your seat by the side aisles, if you would like anointing with oil, you may come to the organ-side of the sanctuary where the pastor will be standing. Anointing with oil is a way of opening yourself to God's presence for a particular

place in your life or on behalf of someone else. The oil will be placed on your forehead in the sign of the cross and a prayer shared with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Doxology

#94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

*They Will Know We Are Christians by
Our Love*

vs. 1-2, #2223 Black Hymnal

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Amanda Hinthorn, Dir. of Community Engagement, Worship Assistant

Kathy Williams, Reader

Beth Smeaton, Children's Time

Pop-Up Choir, Special Music

Sue Lundeen, Organist