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**WELCOME TO BETHEL** in the name of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We're glad that you've joined us for worship! May this time together, gathered around God's Word, be a blessing to all. As you hear of and receive God's forgiveness in Christ, and return your thanksgiving and praise, it is our prayer that you will be strengthened in your faith and your life as a child of God.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** which we will be following this morning is printed in the Lutheran Service Book found in your pew rack, and the appointed Scripture readings for today may be found in this bulletin. Feel free to ask a member of Bethel who may be sitting near you for help if anything appears unclear.



**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 6, 2017**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION # 648.....** “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.

**READINGS:** *(printed inside the bulletin)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 55:1-5

**SECOND READING**

Romans 9:1-5

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *(sung)*

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13-21

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 709 .....** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**HYMN FOLLOWING OFFERING # 818 .....** “In Thee is Gladness”

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN # 848** ..... "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 9:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a

desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”  
<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.