

Sunday, August 2, 2026 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 55: 1- 5

1 - Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

*This is often used as the opening liturgy for worship services during Lent.
It is an outstanding example of how so much of the liturgy is straight from the Bible.*

2 - Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

What are some ways in which people today expend their time, energy, and resources on things that do not nurture, satisfy, and endure?

3 - I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Biblical concept of covenant.

5 - See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Cf. Genesis 12: 3 – In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Isaiah 2: 2-3 – In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all nations shall stream to it.

Cf. Micah 4: 1-2 – almost word-for-word identical – who copied whom?

Cf. Isaiah 42: 6 – I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations.

Matthew 28: 19 – Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Acts 1: 8 – You will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21

15 - The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

16 - You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Romans 9: 1- 5

1-3 - I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

Cf. Exodus 32: 32 - Moses after the incident with the golden calf – that is intercession!

"But now, if you will only forgive their sin – but if not, blot me out of the book that you have written."

4-5 - They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*The physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob held and always will hold a very special place within the plan of God.
See also Isaiah 55: 3 and 5*

Matthew 14: 13 – 21

13-14 - Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

*Jesus had wanted to be alone because He had just heard of the death of His cousin.
How graciously and how well do you handle interruptions?*

15-16 - When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

*Jesus was not going to let them off the hook that easily.
When has Jesus not let you off the hook easily?*

17-18 - They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

*Matthew does not tell us where the food came from. Only John does.
John 6: 8-9 – Andrew, Simon Peter's brother – "What are they among so many people?"
Actually enough – even more than enough.
I believe Jesus could have fed the five thousand even without the boy's lunch.
But He used what the boy had and gave – and of that boy's little made much.*

19 - Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

*In the hands of Jesus little becomes enough. In fact, little becomes more than enough.
What do you have in your hands? What do you think Jesus could do if you were to place it in His hands?*

20 - And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

*They had more left over at the end than what they had when they first began.
Twelve baskets – one basket for each disciple – to remember the incident by.*