

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:35-44**

*Jesus ministers to people by sharing the good news of salvation and by providing for their physical needs.*

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>37</sup> But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

<sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup> 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 his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN #827: "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" - see slides**

**SERMON: "The Bread the LORD Has Given You"**

**based on Exodus 16:1-15**

1. To fill you with satisfaction
2. To fill you for service

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** (page 181) - see slides

**OFFERING PRESENTATION - HYMN #750 - see slides**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (spoken responsively) - see slides

**HYMN: #506: "For the Fruits of His Creation" - see slides**

**PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING - see slides**

**CLOSING HYMN #507: "Let All Things Now Living" - see slides**



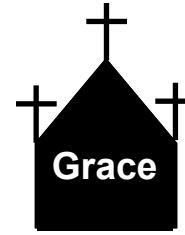
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*Thank you to our Worship Team:*

*Worship Music Leader: Amibeth Olderman*

*Last Week's Attendance*

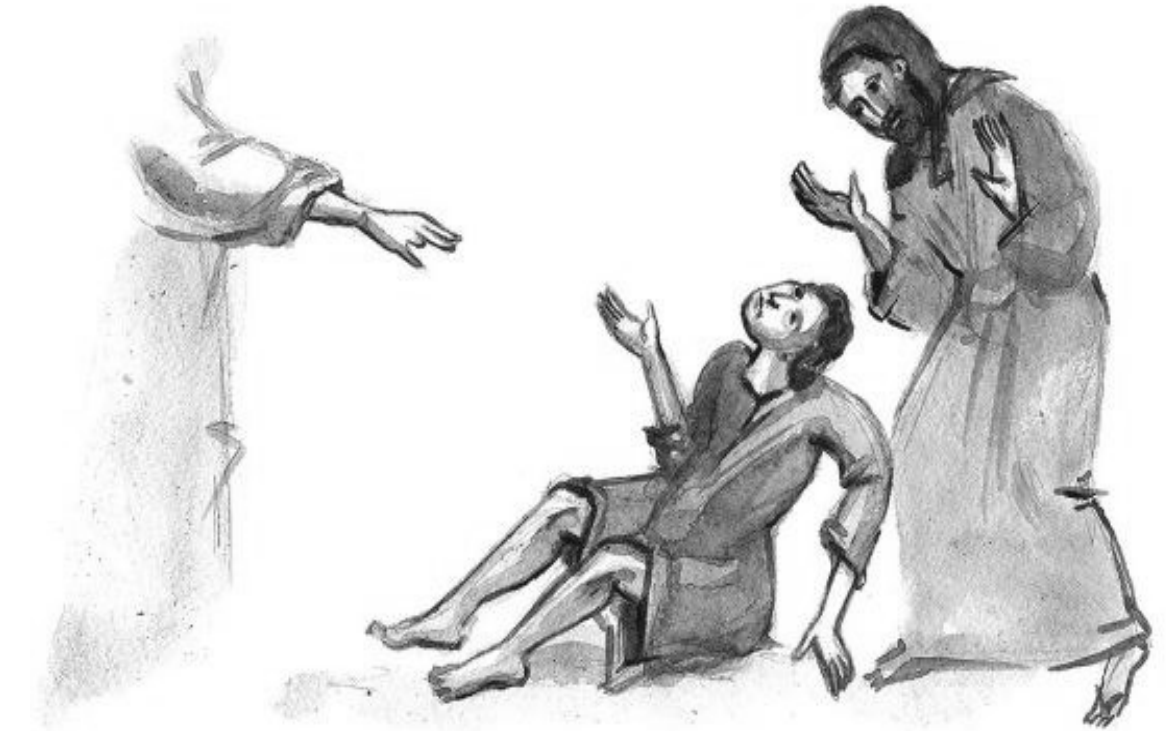
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**MEANINGFUL MINISTRY**  
**"GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS"**

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word, and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask.*

***Listening Assist Aids are available. Please see an usher.***

**“GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS’ NEEDS”**

King David explains, “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1). That word “everything” doesn’t leave any wiggle room, does it? That word “everything” means that your home and all its furnishings, your vehicle and all that’s in the trunk, your bank account, the twenty-eight dollars in your wallet, the wallet itself, and the pocket in which you carry your wallet all belong to God. Everything you have was given to you by your good and gracious Father. We need to understand that. But it is just as important that we understand why God provides for our physical needs. As we have seen throughout this worship series, God has called us to ministry. He asks us to reflect his love in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others. Believers want to serve others in those ways. By providing for us, God meets our need to meet others’ needs. This week Jesus promises that he will provide the resources necessary to conduct meaningful ministry.

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**OPENING HYMN #749: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” - see slides**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – see slides**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie - see slides**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST - Gloria in Excelsis - see slides**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor - ALL speak the Amen)**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 16:1-15**

*The LORD graciously and miraculously provides for the physical needs of the children of Israel.*

**16** The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and

Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

<sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.”

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 145B - Christian Worship Psalter pg. 784 - see slides**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:8-11**

*Paul teaches that God blesses us abundantly so that we have the resources to abound in every good work, generously helping others in all their needs.*

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - see slides**