



*Living Praise Celebration*  
Online  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
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## **WELCOME & FOCUS**

## **INVOCATION**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-44**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

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?”

“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

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

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 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. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

## **MESSAGE**

### **Luther’s Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All: Jesus, we stand in awe of your power over all things and your deep compassion for this broken world. Forgive us for those times when we doubt your provision and fail to trust that you are at work in and through us. We trust that in your compassionate mercy our sin is forgiven.**

**Shape dependent trust in us. Then lead us to go and see what you have already placed in our lives and communities for the blessing of others. As we bring those things to you, bless them so that needs would be met and doors would be opened to sharing with others in your story of abundant grace and good news. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SUNG WORSHIP** *(optional)*

*see links in the description of this week's YouTube video.*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Agnus Dei

Everlasting God

Forever