

AUGUST 3, 2014
8TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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Jesus provides for our needs.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	God feeds the Israelites
Tuesday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred men
Wednesday	2 Kings 7:3-16	Four lepers eat and drink
Thursday	Matthew 15:32-39	Jesus feeds four thousand
Friday	John 21:15-17	Jesus tells Peter to feed his sheep
Saturday	Psalms 78:20-29	God sent food from heaven
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free!” Isaiah 55:1

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, we depend on you to live. Please give us what we need most of all—trust in you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus be kind to you. May he feed you in body and in spirit and meet all of your needs. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Matthew 14:14 tells us that Jesus had “compassion” on the crowds. What is compassion?
- Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.
- Have you ever experienced God providing for your needs in a special way? Share your story.

DEVOTIONS

In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Using paper and scissors, cut out a fish or bread-loaf-shaped figure for each household member, and write their name upon it. As part of your home devotional times this week, share talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your “loaves” or “fish.” Talk about ways that we can bless others through these God-given gifts and talents. Pray for God’s guidance in using them.

SERVICE

God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less. Make a special monetary donation this week to an aid organization working with the poor or a donation-in-kind to a local charity assisting those in need.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Have you ever made bread as a household? Set aside some time this week to work on this together. Invite friends or neighbors to enjoy with you the fruits of your labor!



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