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Mathew 14:13-21 (NLT)

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

¹³ As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns.

¹⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them."

¹⁷ "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here," he said.

¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people.

²⁰ They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.

²¹ About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5

CHURCH SERVICES

13 August 11am **West** ~ Fay Monckton



Invite Love



A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them.

She said "I don't think I know you. But you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

'Is the man of the house home?', they asked.

"No,' she replied and added, 'He's out.'

'Then we cannot come in,' they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened.

"Go tell them I am home and invite them in!"

The woman went out and invited the men in.

'We do not go into a House together,' they replied.

'Why is that?' she asked.

One of the old men explained.... 'His name is Wealth,' he said pointing to one of his friends and said pointing to another one, 'He is Success and I am Love.'

Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!,"

He said. "Since that is the case, let us invite wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion, "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife.

"Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, 'Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest.'

Love got up and started walking toward the house.

The other 2 also got up and followed him.


Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love. Why are you coming in?"

The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out. But since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. wherever there is Love, there is

also Wealth and Success!!!' ~ unknown parable



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Jan Parker, who is still in hospital following her knee replacement operation. 
- We pray for members of our congregation travelling this weekend - Doug and Marg, Evelyn and Tony, and Lynne and her sister Jenny.
- We pray for Hugo, Aisla and Kit - young children with big medical problems at the moment.
- We give thanks that Beulah had such a wonderful 100th birthday.
- Our prayers for the people of Ukraine continue.

Meg's Musings

This week I pruned our roses. I always find it difficult to know how much to cut off each thorny stem.

Beginning tentatively, I make my way around our garden. Inevitably, I need to go back, and to take quite a bit more off each bush.

No doubt, over the coming days, I will revisit most of the bushes, and shorten the stems some more. I hope that the results will eventually be blooming, healthy roses.

Jesus said that God needs to prune us from time to time, in order for us to be at our best.

I trust God's knowledge of me far more than I trust myself with the task of cutting back the roses.

How fortunate that we have a God who knows just what to prune, and when to do it.

Blessings from Meg



'Do or do not. There is no try.'

~ Yoda from *Star Wars*

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4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

~John 13:34 (ESV)

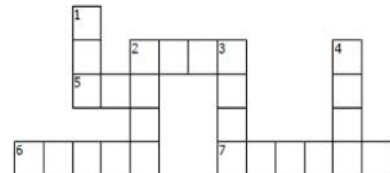


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They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. An animal without legs that lives in water
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked
7. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating

DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
3. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
4. The number that comes after four and before six

*I asked a wise man,
"Tell me sir, in which field could
I make a great career?"*

*He said with a smile,
"Be a good human being. There
is a huge opportunity in this
area and very little
competition."*

~Rumi



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