

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?

We all know the story: the crowd was big and they needed to be fed. After not getting much cooperation from the disciples, Jesus took the few loaves and fishes that had been collected, prayed over them, and then started passing them out, encouraging everyone to take “as much as they wanted” (John 6:11).

So how much do you think people took? Was the crowd gracious, taking only a bit to be sure everyone would have enough? Or did they take Jesus at his word and grab with both hands, as astonished by the offer of food as by the words Jesus shared that day?

“Take as much as you want.” Isn’t this what Jesus offers us every day? “Look—I have these incredible, abundant gifts for you, here for the asking. Take as much as you want. Use both hands and fill up your baskets, and then come back for more. And, by the way, share these gifts with others, and let them take as much as they want, too. I won’t run out.”

How much do you want? I don’t know about you, but I want my arms to be overflowing with the love and grace of Jesus so that I just have to share. So, Jesus, keep it coming.

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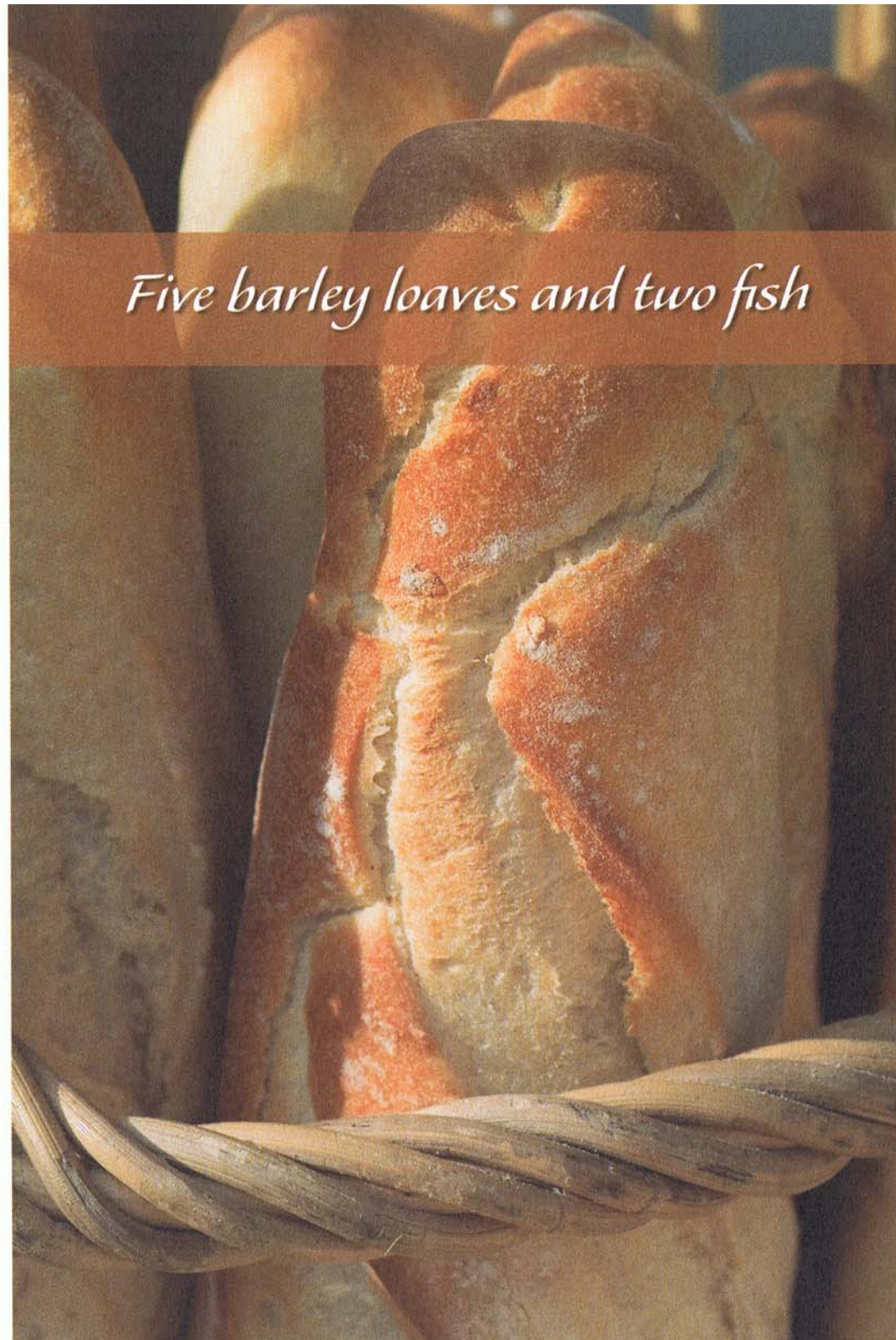
Text for Today

John 6:1-21 (9)

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to [Jesus], “There is a boy here who has **five barley loaves and two fish**. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make them sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.



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Five barley loaves and two fish



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
Ministers - All Members
July 26, 2009
9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:14-19)

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

ALL: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food in due season.

Women: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Men: The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

One: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ALL: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

* GATHERING HYMN #37 *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty*

*INVOCATION (in unison)

O God, we bow our knees before you, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. The glory of this great salvation is yours! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING II Samuel 11:1-15

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT *Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10:8*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #521 *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Burnsville, MN Open Circle Church

Praying For Us: South English, IA English River Church

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAISE HYMN #100 Praise Him, Praise Him

GOSPEL READING John 6:1-21

MESSAGE "Wheat and Waves"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #418 *Move In Our Midst*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
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SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, July 26:

Message
Children's Message
Music
Ushers
Adult Sunday School
Children's Sunday School

Rev. Lucinda Douglas
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Marcene Cox
Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Not held June-August
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, August 2:

Message
Children's Message
Music
Ushers
Adult Sunday School
Children's Sunday School

Rev. David Loveall
Marcene Cox
Teri Kelderman
Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Not held June-August
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children Helen Van Kekerix (mini-stroke)
Living Peace Church, Sioux City Harriet Rolston (care center)
UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie Pete Aberson (hip surgery)
Lost Brothers and Sisters Yvonne Rohlfen (cancer)
Those Serving in the Military Linda Beal (cancer)
Julie Fisher (thyroid cancer) Ann Evans (cancer)

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service 9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Anniversaries and Birthdays for July

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Rev. Lucinda Douglas this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to receive the Light; Depart to let it shine!

Hygiene Kits

The hygiene kits need to be assembled after church today, so they can be taken by Linda Adams and Sandi Cox to the Northern Plains District Conference. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you

We appreciate and thank Scott and Ann Maggert for all the work they have done, and continue to do, on all the little projects that have been going on at the parsonage. The latest upgrade is in the bathroom. Visit with them as to what has been done, when you thank both for the good relations they have developed with the parsonage tenants to make sure little things haven't become major ones.

Guest Speakers

Aug. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Sept. 27 -
Aug. 9 - Rev. David Loveall	Oct. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Aug. 16 - Rev. Bob Wittstruck	Oct. 11 -
Aug. 23 - Don Adkins	Oct. 18 -
Aug. 30 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas	Oct. 25 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas
Sept. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Nov. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Sept. 13 -	Nov. 8 -
Sept. 20 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas	