



29 July 2018

TENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

God provides for his  
people's needs.

verse for the week  
"You open your hand  
and satisfy the  
needs of every  
living creature."

PSALM 145:16

Caring Conversations

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

When have you wanted to make sure you got your fair share of something?

2

One little boy's lunch was used by God to meet the hunger of many people. In what ways might God be seeking, to use you or what you have, to bring help to others?

3

We tend to fear not getting enough in life because we think there is a scarcity of resources. How does the feeding of the five thousand challenge that understanding?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
M	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds a hundred
T	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
W	Exodus 24:1-18	The elders eat with God
T	Mark 8:1-10	Jesus feeds the four thousand
F	Philippians 4:10-20	Christian generosity
S	Psalms 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful
S	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life

TALK **Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for taking care of us – body, spirit and soul. Amen.

BLESS

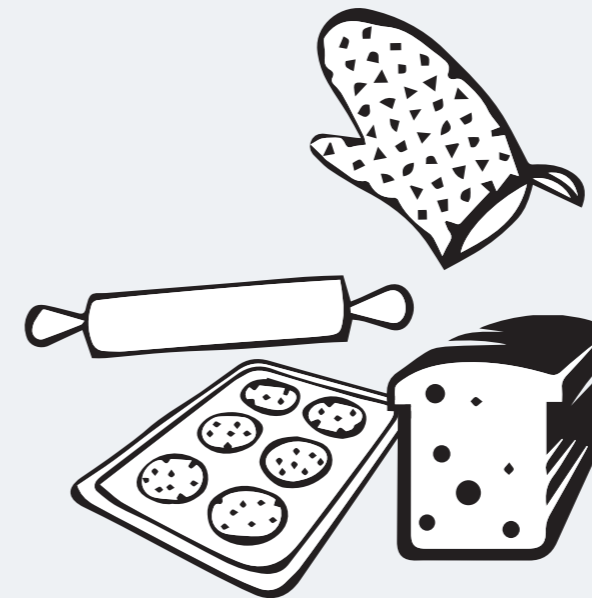
May God who provides for your every need give you a grateful heart.

Creative Response

Set aside time as a household to bake some bread or biscuits.

Package up what you bake and give away to your neighbours.

See how your efforts are multiplied into joy for others when you deliver your gifts.



mealtime prayer

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

Service

After Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish he told his disciples to gather up what was left over. He said, "Let nothing be wasted."

Are there items in your home that are being "wasted", that are no longer being used but which might benefit someone else?

Take some time to sort through your household belongings. Set aside items to donate to a local thrift shop or charity.

