Scripture Lessons – July 25, 2021

Psalm 145:10-18 (NRSV)

- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people your^[a] mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your^[b] kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
- You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. [a] ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these

people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages^[b] would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they^[c] sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ 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. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, ^[d] they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; ^[e] do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.