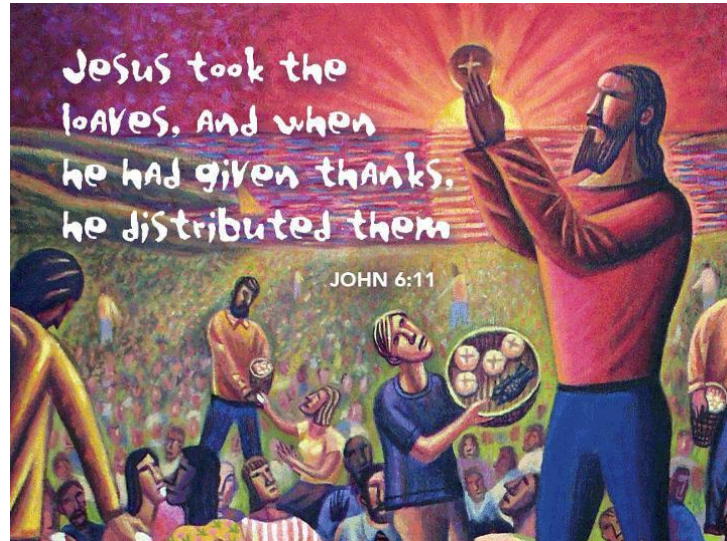


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HOLY COMMUNION

Time after Pentecost

Sunday ☩ July 25, 2021 ☩ 10:00 am

Christ feeding the five thousand

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ELW 461

In response to the proclamation of our confession and forgiveness, we stand and sing.



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

And also with you.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children
 a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.

Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven
 and share this bread with all the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

READING

Elisha feeding a hundred people

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145

You open wide your hand

The psalm is read responsively by verse. The reader begins, the assembly's part is in bold.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;**

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,**

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

READING

Reconciled to God through Christ

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

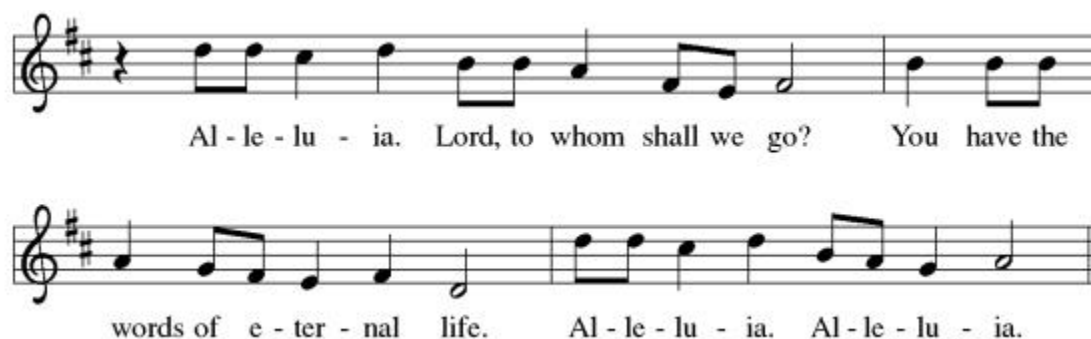
Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



READING

Christ feeding the five thousand

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When 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?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One 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?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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."

¹⁵When 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.

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

Petition response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God,
confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

In the sanctuary or at home, sheltered in place, we wave and greet one another.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*As you make your way to forward to receive communion, we invite you to bring your gift of offering
and place it in the baskets on either side of the center aisle.*
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
.....we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus' taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

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"One Bread, One Body"

ELW 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

As the worship leaders pass your pew, turn and face the entrance to the sanctuary.



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"

J.S. Bach

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Lee and Linda Bobier	<i>radio broadcast</i>
Randy Burnight, August Schenzel, Katherine Henshaw, Dorothy Chauncey	<i>July 28 food pantry volunteers</i>

Our radio broadcast over KMNS and today is sponsored by Lee and Linda Bobier. Our sincere thanks.

TODAY, join council members following worship as they provide an update on their work. Members of the council will update you on our progress as we prepare for fall programming, invite you to serve in a variety of ways, and encourage your participation in the life of this congregation. Please plan to stay and learn more!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

July 25 – August 1, 2021

Sunday: 10:00 Worship-In Person

FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion

After Worship Communication Mtg.

Monday: Pastor's Day

Tuesday: 4:00 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday: 9-11:30 Food Pantry

Thursday: 1:00 Bible Study in FR

Friday: 7:00 AA in FH

Sunday: 10:00 Worship-In Person

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August 1 - A Congregational Picnic & Auction is scheduled at the Izaak Walton League in North Sioux City, SD at **5 PM**.

- All are welcome, invite friends and guests to attend the annual Congregational Picnic.
- Auction will be held to assist with raising money for the Food Pantry. If you have a fun unique item to auction or a picnic basket, apron, or bottle of ? to auction off, please do so.
- All are encouraged to bring a side dish and an item to auction.
- Sneaky's chicken in the amount of 150 pieces will be served to members and guests. (Thrivent is sponsoring the chicken and t-shirts will also be handed out)
- Club house is air conditioned. Two picnic shelters exist outside the club house as well as a sandy beach.
- Activities available include swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, sand volleyball, and horse shoes. (no lifeguards on duty)
- Lisa, Jay, and August Schenzel are gracious enough to reserve the Izaak Walton League facility and we extend a huge thank you for their support and generosity.
- Please all assist with clean up.



Join the Congregation Council for a **Ladies Night Out at Oscar Carl Winery** on Wednesday, August 4th at 5 pm. We will gather for an evening of conversation and fellowship. Enjoy a glass of wine and spend time together. Hope you can join us!

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