

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

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..

PRELUDE

***=Please stand as you are able**

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

***GREETING**

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE Beautiful Savior-vs. 4**

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Gracious God,

C: **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 fo heaven and share this bread with all the world, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to 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.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

(Read Responsively)

¹⁰All your works shall praise ¹ you, O LORD,
and your faithful ¹ ones shall bless you.

**¹¹They shall tell of the glory ¹ of your kingdom
and speak ¹ of your power,**

¹²that all people may know ¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor ¹ of your kingdom.

**¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- ¹ out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in ¹ all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

**¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you, O LORD,
and you give them their food ¹ in due season.**

¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.

**¹⁷You are righteous in ¹ all your ways
and loving in ¹ all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

Paul prays for the Christians to whom he writes, asking that God will grant them inner strength and spiritual power as they continue to grow in their understanding of the love of Christ.

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.

***ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: 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.

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.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW 515

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

***THE PRAYERS**

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Rightous God, you teach your people the way of life; give us strength to live your way of life. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You breathe life into all creation; renew our earth with your life-giving breath. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You promise justice and peace; bring understanding and peace through those who call on you. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You respond with compassion; pour out your love and care on those who suffer. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You have created us for community; strengthen our community in our neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You gather your people together; be present in the gatherings of your people that we may be blessed, broken, and shared with our world. We pray especially for this congregation and our companions in Kansas: Zion in Beloit, St. Mark in Atchison, and the St. John Lutheran Churches in Bendena and Lancaster. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You have been with the young people and adults at the Gathering in New Orleans this past week. We think, especially, of Benjamin Cretsinger, Adam Heald, Lena Kirchhoff, Brian McGinnis, Alex Nichols, Mason Shields, Kade Welp, and their adult sponsors: Pastor Trudy, Diane Bottorff, and Dean McGinnis. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: We give thanks for those who now rest in your love. Keep us faithful in our journey and sustain us with your love. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Holy God,

C: you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.

Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you.....And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

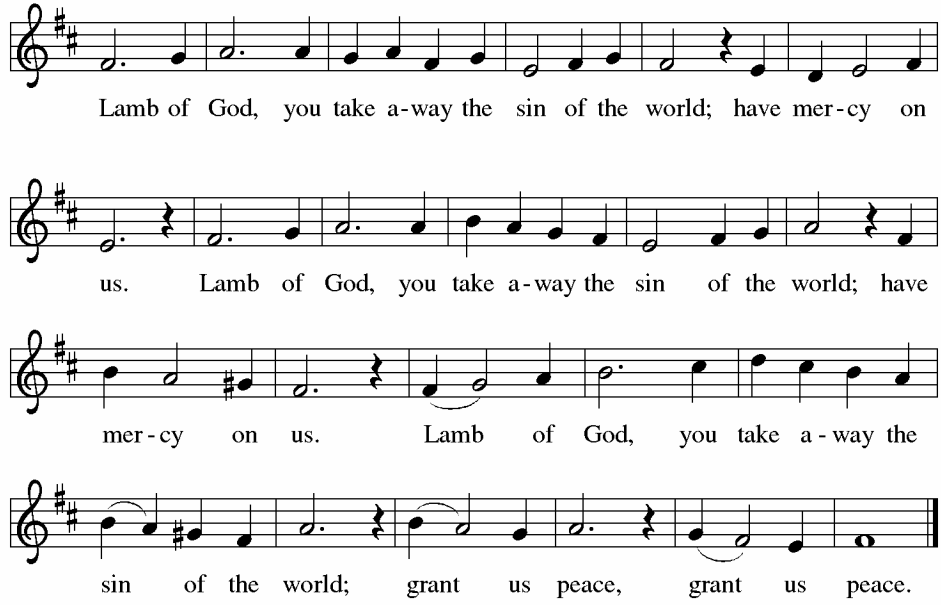
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

SOLO “*Spirit Song*” Fred Bahr accompanied by Marilyn Bahr & Loretta Hoerman

COMMUNION HYMN “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” **ELW 471**
“*Bread of Life from Heaven*” **ELW 474**

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW 674

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

50 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is calling ELCA Members to read and reflect on the daily lectionary passages for the week of the Churchwide Assembly (August 17-22). This week, please read Leviticus 19:1-2a, 9-18 and John 15:9-17. Consider the questions: How does the assurance of God’s declaration, “I am the Lord your God,” change how you interact with people in your own life? What does this proclamation mean for places in the life of the world that are hurting, suffering, and broken? How would you describe some of the fruits that the love of Jesus has allowed you to bear in your life? Can you imagine being called a friend by Jesus? How does this differ from being called a servant? The hymns *“Here I am, Lord”* and *“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”* may further your reflection. Prayer for the Week: Holy God, source of all love, you command us to love one another. By your Holy Spirit, conform our lives to your will so that our words and actions reveal the care and redemption you have shown to all your people through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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