



# St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN

Sunday July 28, 2024

10th Sunday of Pentecost

## GATHERING

### 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

### Welcome and Announcements

*(Please stand)*

**Gathering Hymn: (monitor) 10,000 Reasons**

### Prayer of the Day

*P 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. C: Amen.*

### Psalm 145:10-18

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **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.**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**Hymn of Praise: (purple) #66 How Majestic is Your Name**

*(Please be seated)*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading: 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.*

<sup>42</sup> 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." <sup>43</sup> But 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." 44 He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

**R:** *Word of God, Word of Life*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Second Reading: 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.*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I 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, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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

**R:** *Word of God, Word of Life*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*(please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation (purple) #7 Alleluia. Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?**

*P The Holy Gospel according to St. John 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> 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?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> 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."

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn:** *(purple)* #18 **Bind Us Together**

**Message:**

*(Please stand)*

**Kathy Chatelaine-Synod**

**Message Song** *(purple)* #147 **We Are Called**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Response:** *(Spoken)* **C: Lord in your mercy**

### **The Peace**

*P The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C And also with you.**

*P We share Christ's peace with each other*

*(please be seated)*

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering Response:** *(purple)* #156 **What Have We To Offer**

### **Offering Prayer**

*P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen*

**Lord's Prayer** *(cranberry)* **pg. 112 (Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...)**

*P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

### **Blessing**

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

*(Please stand)*

## SENDING

**Sending Hymn (purple) #120 Rejoice In The Mission**

### **Sending**

*P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Leaders in the Service**

**Pulpit Supply:** Kathy Chatelaine-Synod

**Guitarist:** Mike Harvey

**Acolyte:** Dathan Elias

**Reader:** Dennis Sommers

**Council Person:** Julie Spies

**Ushers:** Kathy Zabel, Polly Dill

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