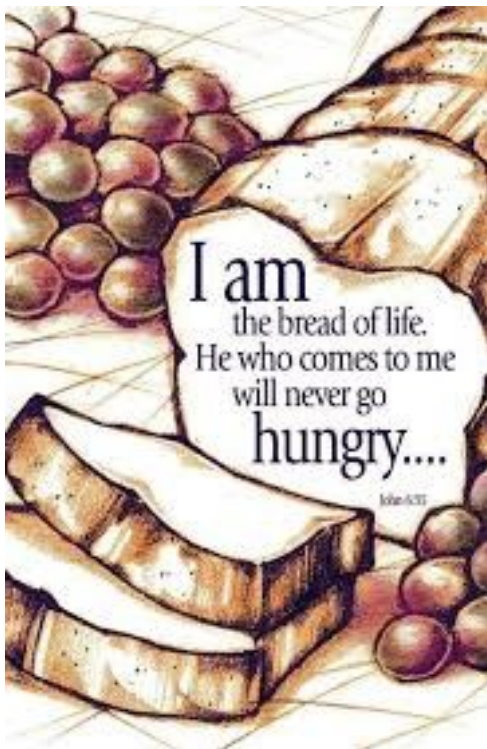


Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



*Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost*

August 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship for Sunday August 04, 2024

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 6:35)

P: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

C: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.

P: Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."

C: We are hungry for eternal life.

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."
**C: We are here to become what we already are:
the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.**

OPENING PRAYER (Ephesians 4, John 6)

P: God of forgiveness and new beginnings,
you feed our hearts with compassion,
and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven.
As Jesus fed the hungry crowds,
knowing that they needed both physical bread
and the bread of heaven,
fill us with your generous spirit
and make us one with Christ.
C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL AND GATHERING HYMN

" What Feast Of Life " - # 701
With One Voice -Blue Hymnal

SALUTATION

P : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated

WORD

OUR FIRST READING is from the book of Exodus, chapter 16, verses 2 through 4 and 9 through 15.

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard

your complaining.’ ” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

OUR SECOND READING is from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 4, verses 1 through 16 .

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God

and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW #518)

Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for life in God's new age, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”
²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you have faith in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and have faith in you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”
³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”
³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever has faith in me will never be thirsty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

(Please rise as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY -

“ Blest Be The Tie That Binds ” #370

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

PRAYER SONG

(TFF # 240)

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer;

it's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.


C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG

(TFF # 240)

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer;



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SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Filled with the Spirit of Love and anticipating the heavenly feast, let us exchange signs of peace:
 May the peace of Christ be with you always.


C: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

(Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with others around you.)

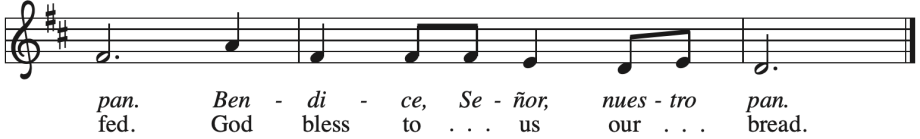
OFFERTORY

(ACS 1056)

Ben - di - ce, Se-ñor, nues-tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
 God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are



ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
 hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are



pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
 fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

OFFERING PRAYER (John 6)

P: Let us pray,

Generous, merciful God,
you invite us to the heavenly feast,
promising to fill us with every good thing.
Bless these ordinary gifts of bread
and fruit of the vine,
that we may be kneaded and pressed
into one holy, living body,
in the name of Christ, who lived and died
and rose again.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

P: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
Broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying;
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
the bread of heaven, broken to feed a hungry world,
so that we may become one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry
to all the world.
Merciful Creator, Bread of Heaven, Spirit of Love,
we praise your holy, eternal, nameless Name.
Amen.

P: Reaching out to one another, let us join hands and pray
the prayer our Lord taught us to pray.

(You are invited to hold hands with our neighbor)

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
And all are Welcome. Come!

(Please be seated)

SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

COMMUNION HYMN -

“O Bread Of Life From Heaven ” # 222

Lutheran Book Of Worship—Green Hymnal

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

BLESSING (Ephesians 4)

P: Go into the world with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN -

“ The Church’s One Foundation ” # 369 vs.1-3

Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal

RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)

DISMISSAL

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

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Anne Woodward Altar Flowers: Open

Communion Assistants: Julie Hansen & Vicki Thiery

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Ed Young

Coffee Hour: Bonnie Jensen Live Stream Tech: Brad Larsen

WORSHIP LEADERS NEXT WEEK (Sunday 8/11) LACE SUNDAY:

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad Brown

Lector: Jerod Alderson Altar Flowers: Open

Communion Assistants: Jerod Alderson & Kelly Imhoff

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Kelly Imhoff

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild Live Stream Tech: Ed Young

The Calendar....



Sunday, August 4, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

Monday, August 5, 2024-

Office CLOSED

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Office CLOSED

7:00 p.m.—Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Thread by Thread OPEN

Office CLOSED

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Office CLOSED

Friday, August 9, 2024

Office CLOSED

Sunday, August 11, 2024 -

9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR