

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship for Sunday July 28, 2024

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

GATHERING

(Please rise as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

C: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

P: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

C: Bring us to the time of healing.

P: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

C: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (Ephesians 3)

P: Holy One,

we bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being

and dwell in our hearts through faith.

May we be rooted and grounded in Christ,

whose love is beyond all knowledge.

Help us comprehend even the smallest part

of the beautiful mystery of your grace.

Grant that we may experience the fullness

of your presence with us.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL AND GATHERING HYMN

“We Come To The Hungry Feast” - #766

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: 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

Please be seated

WORD

OUR FIRST READING is from the book of 2
Kings, chapter 4, verses 42 through 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.

⁴² 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." ⁴³ 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:15-16

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

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

OUR SECOND READING is from the book of
Ephesians, Chapter 3, verses 14 through 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.

¹⁴For 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.

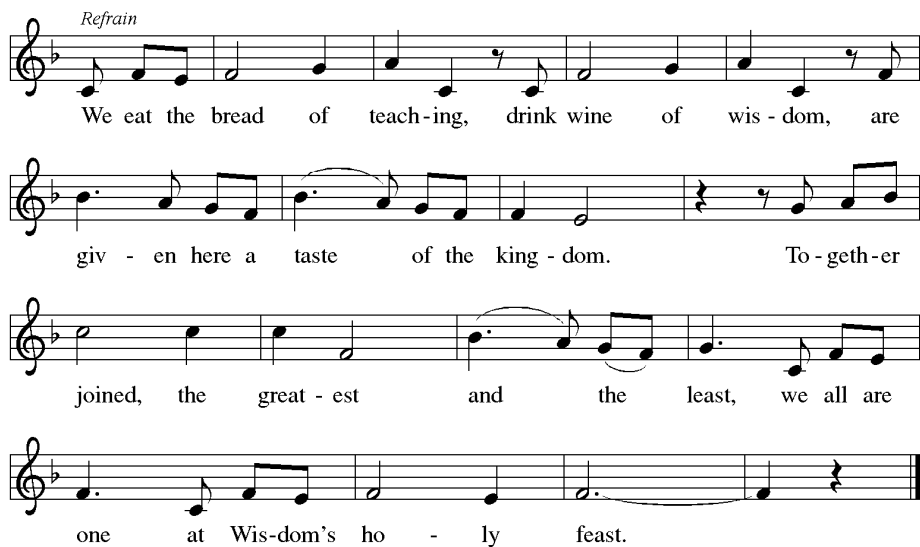
L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please rise as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 6:1-15

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.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 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, Je-

sus 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 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 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.

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 -

“Break Now The Bread Of Life” # 235

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: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering *especially* Jeff & Sue, Bonnie, Anita, Grete, Bettie, Sherry, Jean D., Cathi and all those we name in our hearts. families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

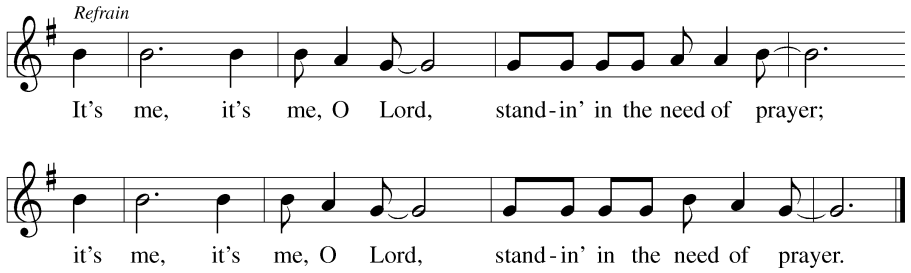
P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY

(ELW # 682)



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 (Psalm 14, Ephesians 3, John 6)

P: Let us pray,

Gracious Lord,

you have lavished upon us
the riches of your glory.

As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all
with more than enough left over,
so you have fed us and provided for us.

You shelter us, care for us,

and bring us safely to each stop on our journey.

As you have given to us out of your abundance,
we return our offering to you
with praise and thanksgiving.

In the name of the Savior, we pray.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

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 him 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: 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 -

“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart” #711

With One Voice –Blue 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 3)

P: May you know the richness and fullness of God's grace.

May you experience every dimension of the love of Christ.

May the Spirit dwell within you through faith.

To the Holy One, whose power works within us

to accomplish more than we could ask

or imagine or comprehend,

be glory forever and ever!

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN -

“Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ” #754

With One Voice –Blue 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: Robin Barnes

Communion Assistants: John & Robin Barnes

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: John Barnes

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: TBD

WORSHIP LEADERS NEXT WEEK (Sunday 7/14):

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Anne Woodward

Communion Assistants: Julie Hansen & Vicki Thiery

Building Host, Acolyte & Offering Presenter: Ed Young

Coffee Hour: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: TBD

**LIVE STREAM TECHS
NEEDED**

No experience necessary.
Please see Jeff or Brad
if you are interested.

Thank you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

There are index cards and a basket in the back are on the table by the bulletins. We are asking that you fill out a prayer card before service and leave it in the basket.

The basket will be brought up to the lectern so they can be read the congregation so everyone will be able to hear what /who the Joys and Concerns are.

The Calendar....



Sunday, July 28, 2024 -

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

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

Monday, July 29, 2024-

Office CLOSED

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

6:00 p.m.—Bible Study, hearth room

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Office CLOSED

Friday, August 2, 2024

Office CLOSED

Sunday, August 4, 2024 -

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

10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR