



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Erik Rundquist

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community.”

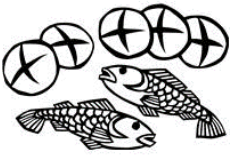
Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing “live.”

Please sign the pew pad and pass down the aisle. Thank You.

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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

Pat Anderson

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Red Worship Book# 461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

First Lesson

2 Kings 4:42-44

Carole Lahti

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.

Psalm 145:10-18

Carole Lahti

L: All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

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

L: that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21

Carole Lahti

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

²⁰ 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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia.....”

Red Worship Book pg. 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

Gospel: John 6:1-21

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, Jesus 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.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ 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 Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 143

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Erik Rundquist

Sermon

Pastor Erik Rundquist

Hymn of Day “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Red Worship Book #479

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev’ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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Nicene Creed

Red Worship Book pg. 104

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 (*nations and places may be named*). 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*), 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.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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 with musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, and George Frederick Handel*) 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

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Song

“Children of the Heavenly Father

Red Worship Book# 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Red Worship Book pg. 144

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Worship Book pg. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 145

Distribution of Holy Communion

*This is the gift of God for all people without exception of faith tradition or age.
We provide gluten free bread and grape juice at your request.*

Communion Hymn

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Red Worship Book #789

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Communion Hymn

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Red Worship Book# 465

Refrain: *As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1, 3 & 5) Red Worship Book#654

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life she died.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song and for her life he died.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

the worship is ended ... let the service begin ...

Announcements for July 28th



****The Noisy offering for the month of July is for the Food Shelf****



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Kathy Burkhardt (friend of Robin Hendrix), Ellie Nelson, Gary Wells, Joe Cappuccino, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebarth), Allie, Mya and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wiczek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Bob Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

Care facility member-Ron Klapel.

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, Policemen & women,
and the military. For all those who serve to protect.**

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.

*thank
you*

*Thank you for the prayers, comfort visits, and cards
in the loss of my son. I/m blessed to have such good
friends in my life.*

Kathryn Souer

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship; Congregational Meal after Worship.

Mon. Pastor and Mindy planning meeting.

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 10 am Valley Fair and Feed My Starving Children-return 10 pm.

Thurs. 7 am Men's Fellowship; 7:30 am Men's Text Study; 6 pm New Member Dinner.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship.

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE

If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a New Member Dinner Thursday, August 1st at 6 pm.



Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.



Valley Fair and Feed My Starving Children.

Wednesday, July^{31st}

leaving at 10 am return around 10 pm

Cost \$30 sign up on bulletin board.

Financial Report for May- Mary Mortenson-treasurer

General Fund Income: \$9,913.67 (2023
\$10,876.46)

General Fund Expenses: \$18,319.54 (2023 \$19,263.82)

General Fund balance: \$307.99

