



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

August 1, 2021, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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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

Pat Anderson

**Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

### Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Red Worship Book 656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

### Greeting

Red Worship Book pg. 147

L: 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.**

## Kyrie

Red Worship Book pg. 147-148

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Canticle of Praise

Red Worship Book pg. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia**

## Prayer of the Day

L: 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.**

## First Communion Questions and Prayers

*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.*

### First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The 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."

<sup>4</sup>Then 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."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

<sup>12</sup>"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.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.”

### **Psalm 78:23-29**

L: So God commanded the clouds above

**C: and opened the doors of heaven,**

L: raining down manna upon them to eat

**C: and giving them grain from heaven.**

L: So mortals ate the bread of angels;

**C: God provided for them food enough.**

L: The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens

**C: and powerfully led out the south wind,**

L: raining down flesh upon them like dust

**C: and flying birds like the sand of the seas,**

L: letting them fall in the midst of the camp

**C: and round about the dwellings.**

L: So the people ate and were well filled,

**C: for God gave them what they craved.**

*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.*

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16**

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

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>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.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

*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.*

## **Gospel: John 6:24-35**

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

<sup>26</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then 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. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

### **The Gospel of Our Lord**

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

**Red Worship Book pg. 151**

### **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon:**

**“Fed and Forgiven”**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and Lord and Savior Jesus our Christ. Amen.

As we continue on this beautiful chapter in the book of John, we hear more about feeding, forgiving, and finding the truth. It could not have come at a more opportune time. Some kids have been studying Holly Communion. The Bread of Life series last week, today and the next three weeks we find that Jesus is giving bread and food but offers something else as well, himself.

Everyone is searching for Jesus, following him, asking him questions, like, “When did you get here?” He is going to begin to explain that yes, we need bread, but we need more. We need him. He is going to show them signs and miracles, and indeed already have. Yet, he is going to teach, explain and let them know that he is God. He is the way, the truth and the life. He explained.

This past week, 8 kids, actually heard this story, from Moses and the Exodus raining down bread from heaven, the Passover in which Jesus celebrated before feeding the five thousand and teaching, and this very story, the Last Supper. The followers today want to perform the works of God. How do we do this? We need more signs. Jesus tells them “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6: 35).” Jesus is the bread of life. We will still need food and water. Yet, we need this forever and always, Jesus Christ. This mystery of great love that Jesus Christ gives us, grace, love, forgiveness, salvation, spiritual direction of which all comes from God through the Son.

As the kids went through training this week and as they continue in this mystery of Jesus Christ in, around and through the bread and the wine, forgiveness and strength for the journey, maybe you have questions as they did: Who was God’s Father? Are we really eating the body of God? Why did some first-born son’s die? How do we embody God? Why do we come to the table? What does it mean to get this bread and wine? What does it mean when we leave? These are just some of the questions we answered and struggled. Yet we know a great mystery that no one can figure out, comes down to our trust and faith in Jesus Christ. That we use the bread (which they baked) and wine, Pastor prays over it, and we are in the presence of God, Jesus Christ who commands us to do this. Strength for today, tomorrow and always. Jesus Christ is feeding us now. Jesus Christ is walking with us and is close as the bread and wine. We have consumed beautiful wonderful mystery.

Jesus Christ is the bread of life, of life itself; we are not complete in just ourselves. Our lives cannot be without complete in ourselves. We do not get Jesus. Jesus gets us. God gives us Jesus through our faith and belief. All of us. Continually and forever. Fed and Forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

**Hymn**                    **“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”**                    **Red Worship Book 618**

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

**Offering Prayer –You may leave your offering as you exit the church, table with offering plates are there.**  
L: 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L: You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L; You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Red Worship Book pg. 152**

L; The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Red Worship Book pg. 153**

L: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Words of Institution**

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 for the remembrance of me.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Red Worship Book pg. 154**

**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.**

**Lamb of God**

**Red Worship Book pg. 154**

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn**

**"Eat This Bread" (3 times)**

**Red Worship Book 472**

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

**Communion Hymn**

**"I Am The Bread of Life"**

**Red Worship Book 485**

**1** "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

*Refrain- "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."*

**2** "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

**3** "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

**4** "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

**5** Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. *Refrain*

**Prayer after Communion**

L: 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

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

C: Amen.

**Hymn** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2 times)

**Red Worship Book 857**

1 Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high. *Repeat*

## Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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After having received instruction, eight of our young people will be receiving Holy Communion today for the first time. Invited to share in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ today are:

Aubree Blowers, Jase Fisher, Oswyn Klapel, Connor Olander, Harvey Ranger, Piper Ranger, Kalliope Robbins, and Emma Thompson.

We keep these young people in our prayers, as they begin sharing in the Holy Sacrament.

Thank you to Nikki Thompson, Ashley Thompson, and Josie Kordiak for their help during the First Communion classes.

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Baptized at our font on July 21<sup>st</sup> was Jase Michael Fisher, his mother is Kimsen Dudagan. His sponsors were Brednan and Christa Dunagan. Also, baptized today, August 1<sup>st</sup> at our font before Worship were Landon Jerome Wingness, parents are Joshua Wingness and Amy Johnson; Owen Lee Mach-Johnson, parents are Jamie Johnson and Lucy Mach-Johnson; Joanna Jean Hendry, parents are Joe Hendry and Amy Johnson; Isabella Jo Hendry, parents Joe Hendry and Amy Johnson. Their congregational sponsors were Mindy and Tim Johnson. We welcome Jase, Landon, Owen, Joanna and Isabelle into the family of God at First Lutheran.

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\*\*The Noisy offering this month is for Back Pack Program, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.

## Next Week's Readings and Psalm

### First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

### Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

### Psalm

Psalm 34: 1-8

### Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

## *Sunday Filming*

*\*\* Just a reminder that in-gathering Worship, is being filmed "LIVE."*

## Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 8:30 am **Baptism**; 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship with First Communion.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 10 am-9 pm Feed My Starving Children-Bunker Water Park; 5-6:30 pm Community Meal.

**Wed.** Noon Staff meeting.

**Thurs.** 7 am Men's Text Study; Mindy Networking meeting.

**Fri.-Sat.** City on the Hill.

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC with Elaine Garaghty preaching and Rev. Jack presiding over Holy Communion.



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Don Storlie (father of Jeremy Storlie), Brie Timms (sister-in-law of Peggy Smith), Kim Reisig (sister-in-law of Amy Tvedt), Tyler (son of Jan Peura), Jeremy (friend of Sheila Jensen), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny), Pearl Anderson (sister of Joyce Seegebarth), and John Bassett.

**For our members in care facilities** ~ Ruta Kalnins, Freida Pfahl and Dorothy Svendsen.

**For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries:** Jacqueline and Patrick Becker

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10 am Feed My Starving Children/Bunker Hills Water park;**

**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5-6:30 pm Community Meal.**

**Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> –September Newsletter Deadline.**

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> –6:30 pm Executive/Council meeting.**

**Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>-Church Council after Worship.**