

9th Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH – JULY 25th, 2021

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.



READINGS AND PSALM

[2 Kings 4:42-44](#)

Elisha feeding a hundred people

[Psalm 145:10-18](#)

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling

[John 6:1-21](#)

Christ feeding the five thousand

PRAYERS

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Lorraine Harilstad,
Edward Heuchert,
Judy Humphreys,
Tom and Diann Airey
and grandson Derrick.

SERVICE OUTLINE

Gathering Hymn
Welcome
Confession and Forgiveness Hymn
Prayer of the Day
1st Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21
Hymn
Gospel – John 6:1-21
Sermon
Hymn of the Day
The Creed
The Prayers
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Sending Hymn



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- One child's generosity in today's story made a big difference. Jesus fed 5,000 people with some bread and fish in this child's lunch. Not every child has access to daily meals. How could your family help kids who are hungry?
- Our world is full of everyday miracles. Capture the sounds of these everyday amazing things on an audio-recording device or phone. What can you come up with? Chirping birds, rushing water, a baby's laugh, kids talking, wind blowing through the trees.

Family Prayer

Dear God, thank you for everyday miracles, big and small, that show you are at work in the world. Help us feed all who are hungry. Amen.