# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 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.



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# Welcome to Zion!

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High, to declare your steadfast love in the morning and
your faithfulness by night." (Psalm 92:1-2)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

# Get Connected at Zion

The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

# Children in Worship

Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

# Giving

We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



# Livestreaming

Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

## We Gather

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

Hymn #592

"Just As I Am"

### APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray together...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.

# We Hear & Respond to God's Word

#### FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

... The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

...The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Cantor sings the verse. The assembly joins with the refrain:



GOSPEL John 6:1-21

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: These are the words of our Lord. They are true

and can be trusted. Praise to you, O Christ!

#### **GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Loaves Were Broken"

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! And also with you.

#### **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# We Feast at the Lord's Table

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### SHARING THE MEAL

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

# We Are Sent into the World

#### **BLESSING FOR STRENGTH**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...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. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\pm$  give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING HYMN

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Refrain: Draw the circle wide! Draw it wider still...

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide!

Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before; Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door! *Refrain* 

#### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

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# Summer of Psalms 2024



The Psalms are the mixtape and playlist of the Bible, a collection of songs, poems, and prayers that speak to the human experience. The Psalms remind us that we're not alone, that God's not done, and that, no matter what we're experiencing, we always have reasons to sing.

We continue to read through all 150 psalms this summer and sprinkle in some videos, music, commentary, and teaching along the way. For more information, or to download the reading plan in its entirety, visit <a href="https://www.zion-lutheran.org/psalms">www.zion-lutheran.org/psalms</a>. Make sure you're following Zion on Facebook and Instagram or checking the website regularly to keep up with the videos, music, commentary, and teaching!

| Day | Date    | Morning  | Evening  |
|-----|---------|----------|----------|
| 58  | July 28 | Psalm 96 | Psalm 97 |
| 59  | July 29 | Psalm 98 | Psalm 99 |

| 60 | July 30  | Psalm 100       | Psalm 101      |
|----|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| *  | July 31  | Catch-Up Day    |                |
| 61 | August 1 | Psalm 102       | Psalm 103      |
| 62 | August 2 | Psalm 104       | Psalm 105:1-22 |
| 63 | August 3 | Psalm 105:23-45 | Psalm 106:1-23 |

# **Opportunities to Serve Joyfully & Give Selflessly**





# **Today's Readings**

Sunday, July 28, 2024 10th Sunday after Pentecost

# Prayer of the Day

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## First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

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." <sup>43</sup>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." <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

#### Psalm

Psalm 145:10-18; tone 2



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

11 They shall tell of the glory
1 of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,
12 that all people
may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor
| of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom;
your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

14The LORD upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
 15The eyes of all wait upon | you,

O LORD,
and you give them their food

in due season.

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

<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in <sup>1</sup> all your ways and loving in <sup>1</sup> all your works.

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who <sup>1</sup> call upon you, to all who call up- <sup>1</sup> on you faithfully. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend,

with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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

# Gospel

John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>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. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When 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?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One 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?" <sup>10</sup>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. 12When they were satisfied, he

told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

