

# The 10th Sunday of Pentecost

July 28th, 2024 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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# WELCOME

*(\*) Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

\*Opening Litany

P: God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled ...

C: **We are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found.**

P: Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand.

C: **Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #482

“I Come With Joy”

\*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

P: Let us pray. ~ 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.**

## The First Reading ~ 2 Kings 4: 42-44

*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.*

<sup>42</sup> 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> The servant set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145 (selective verses read responsively, lector then congregation)

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **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.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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

<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 3: 14-21



*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.*

<sup>14</sup> 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*The Gospel Acclamation



### \*The Holy Gospel ~ John 6: 1-21

*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.*

The Holy Gospel according to the 6th chapter of St. John.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> 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?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> When 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 Jesus 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon

\*Hymn #515

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

\*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

**P:** In Your mercy ...      **C:** Hear our prayer.

### Musical Offering

The Blessing of the Communion Elements

The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)



+ The Distribution of the Sacrament +

(by method of intinction, dipping wafer in cup, receive elements together)

### Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

**P:** We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God — Creator, Savior, and Spirit — bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn #547**

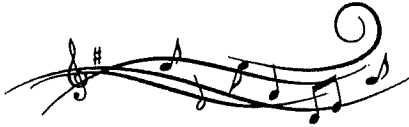
**“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music



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... to Kay Sheerer for serving as our lector

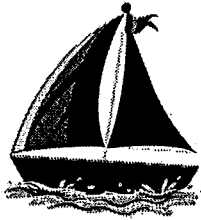
... Diane Ernst for serving as our usher & counter

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech



To be remembered in prayer ... Leona Callahan, Sharon Edwards, Hope Geary, Janet Heckman, Rod & Susan Heckman, Sylvia Keller, Helen Kerositz, Kathleen Tuomela May, Hillary Waterman, Zachary, the people of Israel and Ukraine, and all others whom we name before God.

The altar flower arrangements have been sponsored by Jean Wetzel in loving memory of her husband, Paul Wetzel.



Though you may go on vacation this summer, the church does not. Please remember Friedens with your regular offerings. Thank you!

### ♥ Heartfelt Thanks ♥

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