

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Call to worship:

P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord, **C: a people holy to the Lord our God.** P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone, **C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Opening Hymn: No. 720 "We Are Called"

Confession of Sin:

P: God of all mercy and consolation come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be attentive to your Word, that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. P:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Lesson: 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." 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.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145:10-18

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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.

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.

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.

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

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 6:1-21**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 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?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 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. 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. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 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." 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. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 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. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 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. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Apostles' Creed

C: 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;

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

P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

Mission Moment

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

Benediction

Sending Hymn No. 546 "To Be Your Presence"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in memory of Arlis & Don Werner by Lynette, David & Steven & families.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde as they deal with health issues.

Noisy Offering for "Lutheran Disaster Relief"

The total amount collected for Lutheran Disaster Relief to this date is \$41.13. Thank you for your support for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

This Week's Schedule – July 25, 2021

Today 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed;

Monday Pastor on vacation July 26th – Aug 2nd & will be back in the office Tuesday, Aug 3rd

Sunday 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed

"Volunteers needed" to help record during Worship services to stream on Facebook live. Please contact Cristy Appel @ 215.1738.

Ministers Members of First Lutheran Church Organist Sandy Roemmich

Pastor Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp Reader Tami Stevens

Sound Brandon Willey & Mark Zinnel

FAIRSTAND WORKERS NEEDED

We are looking for youth & adult workers to help at the church Fair stand for the

following dates & shifts:

Wednesday Aug 4th – Saturday, Aug 7th 11am-2pm, 2-5pm & 5-8pm

Each shift will require at least one adult to be working.

All are welcome to serve!

If you have an interest in helping, please contact Tami Taubert at 507-820-3101.

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Family Day at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp

Sunday, August 15th at Noon

The day will consist of:

- Meal: Adults \$9.50; Ages 4-10 \$6.50; Ages 0-3 Free
- Family Games/Activities: Animal environmental activity & craft
 - Swimming (Lifeguard on duty)

Last day to sign up is Friday, August 6th

Join Us for the Lauren Daigle Concert

Adult Education Committee would like to invite you to join us in Sioux Falls at the Denny Sanford Premier Center October 21st, 2021 at 7:30pm for the *Lauren Daigle Concert.*

Call the Church office at 825-5837 by TODAY to sign up.

Cost: \$29.75. One group may go early for a dinner meal if there is an interest.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis July 24th -28th 2022.

This is a great opportunity for worship, Bible Study, Servant events and making new friends and celebrate being part of the church. It is never too early to start planning. If you are interested talk with

Pastor Joyce or Erin Musch.

We are collecting items for School kits

Items needed are: One box of 16 or 24 crayons; Four notebooks; One ruler with 30-centimeters & inches; One pencil sharpener; One eraser; One pair of blunt scissors; 5 unsharpened #2 pencils; 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink). ***Please bring them to Church by September 1st .***

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