

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 1, 2021**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Prelude/Welcome/Announcements**

**Opening Prayer:**

L: Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. **C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: No. 656 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

**Call to Worship**

L: From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

**C: That was the bread from heaven!**

L: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives. **C: Christ is the Bread of Life!**

L: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

**C: Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God does for us.**

L: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for our God is great. **C: We will bless God in this time of worship!**

L: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground. **C: God, renew us in this time of worship!**

L: God feeds all creatures in due season. **C: God, feed us in this time of worship!**

L: Let us sing to God as long as we live. **C: We will sing praise to our God while we have being.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

L: Let us pray.

**C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and we 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. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

The whole 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." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" 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. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "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.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 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. 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."

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

**Psalm 78:23-29**

So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

**C: raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

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raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**C: letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

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

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

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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. 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. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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. 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 6:24-35**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

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. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 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. 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." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 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 the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day No. 618 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"**

### **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; 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.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

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

### **Mission Moment**

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### Invitation to the Offering

L: The Letter to the Ephesians challenges us to lead a life worthy of the calling we have in Christ Jesus, to practice humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. We offer these gifts to God along with the support for the ministry we undertake in Jesus' name. Know that all your gifts contribute to building up the body of Christ.

### Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

**C: God of power and possibility, bless the gifts we offer to you this day, and all our efforts to serve you and our neighbours in Jesus' name. Use what we have and what we do to build up the ministry of Christ's body, the church, in our congregation, our community and throughout the world you love. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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**

### Benediction

L: Go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share.

In humility, gentleness and patience, speak only what is true and loving and may you grow into the unity that is ours in Christ. And may God the creator reshape your hearts; May Christ Jesus, the bread of life, sustain you always; and may the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond of peace. **C: Amen.**

### Sending Song No. 824 "This Is My Father's World" vs. 1 & 2

#### Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

#### **"Thank you" to Brad Willey**

*A special "Thank you" to Brad Willey for leading the Worship service today.*

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored in loving memory of our sisters, Linda Johansen & Bette Watts by Ron & Karen Hellie.

✠ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde as they deal with health issues; Mike & Jennifer Thode's daughter, Maddie Joyce, who is hospitalized.

**Noisy Offering for "Lutheran Disaster Relief"** The total amount collected for Lutheran Disaster Relief to this date is \$52.13. Thank you for your support for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

#### **This Week's Schedule – Aug 1, 2021**

**Today** 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed; 4:00pm Fair stand Clean-up

**Tuesday** Pastor back in the office

**Wednesday – Saturday** 11am – 8pm Fair stand at the Pipestone County Fair

**Sunday** 9:30am Worship /Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

**Ministers** Members of First Lutheran Church      **Organist** Paul Henriksen

**Leaders** Brad Willey      **Sound** Mark Zinnel

### **FAIR STAND 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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## **Volunteers Needed for the Fair stand Clean-up TODAY at 4pm.**

### **Family Day at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp**

Sunday, August 15th at Noon

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

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Last day to sign up is Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **FLCW Trip to Sioux Falls Wednesday, August 18**

**9:00am** Coffee at Church; Tour Heritage Park at Augustana

**Noon: Lunch**

**Afternoon:** Tour St. Joseph's Cathedral

### **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 Centre October 21st, 2021 at 7:30pm for the Lauren Daigle Concert. One group may go early for a dinner meal if there is an interest. Call the Denny Sanford box office for tickets at (605) 367-7288.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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