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**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 1, 2021  
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Prelude

## **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Land Acknowledgment**

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishnabe and Algonquin People.

### **Introduction**

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

### **Gathering Hymn #824 ELW – “*This Is My Father’s World*”**

#### **Greeting - Page 138**

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.**

#### **Kyrie– Page 138**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Canticle of Praise – Page 140**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Prayer of the Day**

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

### **First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and 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.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“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.’” <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.”  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,  
<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**  
<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.  
<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**  
<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,  
<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**  
<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

## **Second Reading—Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>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.

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

## **Children's Sermon:**

We see signs all around us every day. As we walk down the halls at church, we may see signs that tell the different rooms in the church such as the office, washroom, or parish hall. Each classroom probably has a sign by the door with the teacher's name on it so students will be able to find their classrooms.

When we travel around our town, we see signs that tell us what we should or should not do. I have some pictures of some signs that you probably see every day.

Our lesson today is about signs of a different kind--not a sign you can touch, but something that would prove to people that Jesus really was sent by God. Like when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. That was a sign that Jesus was from God, but the people totally missed it. They wanted even more signs, more proof.

The Bible says when people realized Jesus had left that place and gone somewhere else, they went looking for Him. They found Him way over on the other side of the lake.

Jesus said to them, "You came looking for me not because you saw God in my actions, but because I fed you. You shouldn't be so concerned about things like food. Instead, you should be seeking the eternal life that I can give you."

Here's how the people responded: "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? After all, Moses gave our ancestors bread from heaven to eat when they were in the wilderness. Can you do that?"

Jesus answered them, "The true bread of God is the One who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

"Give us that bread! Give it to us every day," the people said.

Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Some people today are still asking for some special sign that will prove that Jesus was sent from God. But God has given us all the signs we need right here in the Bible. All God wants is for us to believe in the one He sent.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. We don't need a sign. We believe in Him, which means He gives us life forever with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Page 142**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>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?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it

is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Pentecost 10 - Matthew 16, 13-20*

**Bishop Jason Zinko - Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod**

*Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Thank you for inviting me into your congregations and into your homes today to reflect on today’s gospel reading. I do this from Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, and Dakota Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

I don’t know about you, but I am exhausted.

I am exhausted from the heat; from a long stretch since I had time off; from the ongoing restrictions due to COVID (even though those are finally lifting). I am exhausted from the horrendous news almost weekly about Indigenous children’s unmarked graves; ongoing racism; leaders who just don’t seem to get it; watching our forests burn; and civil unrest across the globe. I am exhausted from waiting and wondering when I will feel full again.

Can you relate? Do you hunger for these things that often seem just out of reach?

I don’t think that we are alone. I think that many people – Christian or not – struggle with the challenge that some are full while some are hungry. And while we are challenged by that, we also operate as though there is nothing that can be done about it. We work, almost by default, with the belief that there is only so much to go around, so we better get what we can before it runs out.

So, we are left with a particular challenge today when we hear Jesus say, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” It’s a challenge because we know of faithful people who hunger and thirst. We see faithful people being kicked down because who they are doesn’t fit with a standard that our dominant culture defines. On the flip side, we know decidedly *unfaithful* people who seem to have all they could ever want and more.

So, what does it mean? What does it mean for us to say that Jesus is the bread from heaven that gives life to the world?

For starters, we need to expand our view of what is possible with God. We need to understand that God is at work in ways that we often miss. That certainly happened to the crowd in the gospel reading for today. Jesus took two fish and five loaves of bread, fed 5,000 people with leftovers, walked across the lake, and then the crowd asked when he was going to show them a sign?

When was he going to show them a sign?!? What did they think he was doing?

The writer of John referred to anything miraculous that Jesus did as a sign. So rather than extraordinary miracles, Jesus gave signs that were meant to point to

something important about God and show us a way that God is present and active for God's people.

Jesus' work of feeding the people wasn't just about filling stomachs or providing dinner on a shoestring budget. Through that sign, Jesus was trying to show the people then, and us today, that he is the one who provides life and nourishment for his followers. Yes, he provides eternal life in the sense that Jesus will raise up people on the last day. But it's more than just that. Jesus gives life now. Jesus shows us and helps us to live abundant lives now. Jesus works to take away real hunger and thirst now.

But we also need to realize that Jesus is not just a dispenser of things we need. Jesus calls us to take an active part in this work through our baptism.

In the promises of identity, faithfulness, community, and the gift of Spirit, Jesus also sends us out into the world to work in all ways for justice and peace. God claims us in those waters so that we can be part of this global and timeless family following Jesus' example and command.

This means that we are called to stand up against racism – including our own. We are called to help lift up the voices of those who are often silenced or ignored. The way of Jesus is to help those who cannot help themselves and to welcome those who are often unwelcome. As we follow Jesus' call and work together as the Body of Christ, we have the opportunity to witness the life that Jesus is bringing into the world.

Of course, these actions do not mean that we are the bread of the world, or that we are the ones who satisfy the needs of everyone. They are simply signs of us living out the gift of faith that we were given in baptism and that Jesus continues to grow in us. And they are only part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Focusing only on what we do is the wrong approach. We do have a role to play in God's work in the world, and there are many things for us to do, but that isn't the primary thing that Jesus tells us to work toward. In John's gospel lesson, Jesus says that the work of God we are instructed to do is to believe in the one that God sent. In other words – our primary job is to be attentive to our faith lives.

Faith itself is a gift, but we have a responsibility to nurture that faith, to grow in our spiritual practice and to let our faith impact everything about us. A strong faith helps to open our eyes to see all that God is doing around us. A well-practiced faith allows us to follow Christ who brought us to faith in the first place. Faith helps us to realize the many ways in which Jesus feeds us, restores us, and gives us new life.

That is why building up faith is such a central focus for the ELCIC. Bishop Susan has asked us to focus on living our faith through Praying, Reading, Worshipping, and Loving. The more that these practices become a part of our daily lives, the more that we connect with how Jesus walks beside us, and the more we are able to rely on God's promises for us.

So, if you haven't yet looked into those opportunities to grow in your discipleship, I strongly encourage you to. They can be the start of growing a deeper relationship with Christ, and help us to rely on Christ to be the bread of life for us.

I know that I started off by saying I'm exhausted. And I am. But it is only through Jesus' abundant gifts that we can be fed enough to carry on. It is Jesus' nourishment

that sees us through the times when we feel empty. It is Christ alone who will continue to sustain us in all that lies ahead.

I pray that you experience the nourishment and life that you receive from Jesus today and each day. And I pray that the peace of God, which passing all of our human understanding, will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus into eternal life. Amen.

### **Hymn of the Day #515 ELW – “*Break Now the Bread of Life*”**

#### **Apostles' Creed— Page 105**

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 Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations (especially). Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be always with you

C: And also with you.

**Offering**

*Please place offerings on the plate as you leave the church or feel free to drop off your envelopes at the church and you can also e-transfer offerings.*

**Offertory Hymn 884 ELW Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

**OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 our 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:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p.145)**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p.145)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW P.146)**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **Music during Communion**

#### **Post Communion Prayer (ELW p. 146)**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body of blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord + look upon you with peace. **Amen.**

**Hymn      #618 ELW – “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”**

### **Sending**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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### **News and Announcements:**

#### **Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers:**

Florence Felske, Jason Godin, Richard Hubert, Heather Miller, Vince Rabishaw, Aileen Roesler, Robert Schoof, Dorian Verch, Ryan, Stanley.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!**

We will be holding a short congregational meeting on Sunday August 15th immediately following the service. We have been approached by the St. Joseph's Food Bank to consider selling them a piece of our property where they will relocate the food bank. Before any further discussion can happen the congregation will need to approve these discussions. We will need a quorum of 50 members in attendance. Please set aside Sunday August 15th for this important meeting. Susan Dupuis Church Council Chairperson

### **RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE – SINGING AGAIN!**

Zion has been worshipping in-person for the last number of weeks maintaining social distancing of 2 metres. **Entering Phase 3 we can sing again!** Masks must be worn while singing.

### **SERVICE BROADCAST ON COGECO**

Cogeco Community Channel is now broadcasting Zion's services at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30pm on Sunday mornings a week later.

### **INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR SCOTT**

Please mark the afternoon of September 26 as busy on your calendar as we will be gathering for the official installation of Pastor Scott as called Pastor to serve Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke. The time will be announced soon.

### **PASTOR SCOTT'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Scott will be available at the church office during regular office hours – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Pastor Scott is available for backyard visits too. The church office phone number is 613-732-8792 or call Pastor Scott's cell phone at 705-313-0333

### **GARAGE SALE**

We are still planning to have our garage sale this fall sometime so if you have anything to donate please save it for us. If you want you can bring your donations over during office hours and Jean or Kevin can show you where to put them.

We will let you know when we choose a date.

### **CAMP LUTHERLYN SUNDAY**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Rally Sunday morning service at Camp Lutherlyn on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

### **Today's Video Has Been Brought To You By Zion Lutheran Church's Production Crew:**

**Presider:** Pastor Scott Schellenberger

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**Ushers:** Cindy Thrasher, Pam Duplessis

**Sexton:** Don Boldt

**This Week at Zion – August 2 - 8**

**Tuesday      7p.m.**      Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday    7pm**      **Music Healing Vets**

**Sunday     10am**      Pentecost 10 Worship Service with Holy Communion