

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 28, 2024 ~ 8:15 and 10:30 am

8:15 am Sunday Attendees:

If you do not wish to take today's bulletin with you,
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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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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

THE GREETING

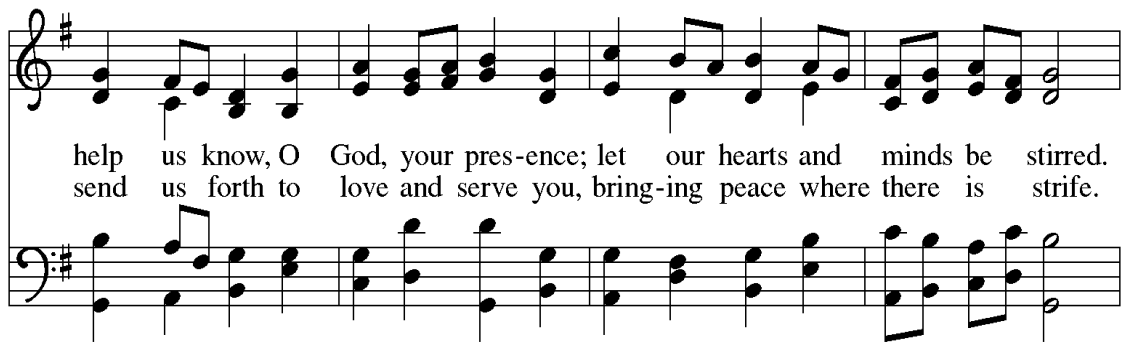
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table"; Verses 1 & 2; ELW 522



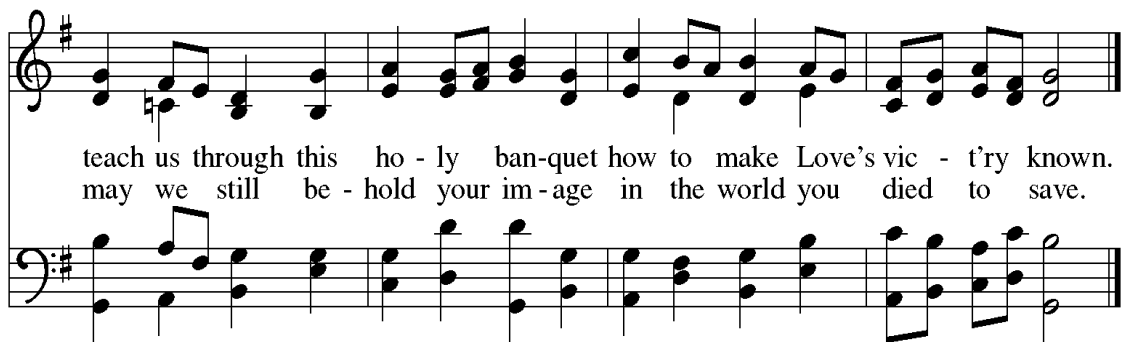
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Please join me in prayer. Gracious God

C: 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.

Congregation may be seated

THE READING OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

⁴²A 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." ⁴³But 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.'" ⁴⁴He 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

A READING FROM PSALM: PSALM 145:10-18

L: ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

L: ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: ¹³Your 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.

L: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

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

C: ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

L: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I 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, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to 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**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONService Music; ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 6:1-21 and Mark 6:35-44

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6: ¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus 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?" ⁶He 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?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then 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." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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."

¹⁵When 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.

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

Mark 6: ³⁵When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled, ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF THE DAY "Break Now the Bread of Life"; Verses 1 - 3; LBW 235

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

THE SERMON Pr. Teri Sutherlin



PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BLESSING
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scholarship recipients or their representatives are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive their awarded scholarships.

The Mai Family Scholarship and Earlin Nuss Memorial Scholarship history will be presented By Brad Wagner and Margaret Walter. The announcement of awarded scholarships and an introduction of recipients and their academic plans will follow.

PRAYERPr. Teri Sutherlin

P: O God, source of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Jesus gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Walk with them in life and order their steps and guide their feet throughout their journey of faith.

Give us compassion when they face temptations and experience failures. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Help us to appreciate their ideals and sympathize with their frustrations; that with them we may look for a better world than either we or they have known; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSINGPr. Teri Sutherlin

P: As these students prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation. May grace be their guide, and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. May they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

Ever present God, bless these students and keep them in your loving care, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With our faith in Jesus Christ, let all the people of God confess their faith of the church:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer. (*repeat response after each petition*)

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation members may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace as you are comfortable doing so, saying, "Peace be with you", or similar words.

THE OFFERTORY "Lord of All Good"; Verse 1; LBW 411

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be that
our whole life is of - fered to your will.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: MORESTEAD, Sydney Watson, 1903–1991

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THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: We thank you, God, for your faithfulness and for the assurance that you are with us and your draw near to those who draw near to you. Bless us and bless these gifts we bring for ministry that we, and our gifts, will offer the love and acceptance of Christ to others.

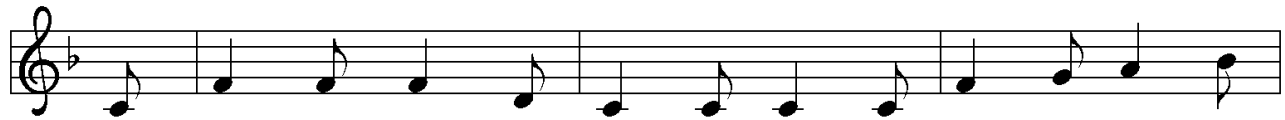
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "I Come with Joy"; Verses 1 & 5; ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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BLESSING AND SENDING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon us now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. We are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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REGULAR WORSHIP

Saturdays 6:00 pm Worship - Communion 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Chapel)

Sundays 8:15 am Worship - Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays (Sanctuary)

..... 10:30 am Worship - Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays (Sanctuary)

REGULAR MINISTRIES AND MEETINGS

Mondays Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:00 am)

Tuesdays Sewing Group (1:30 pm)

Thursdays Bible Study with Pastor (1:30 pm) - **NO BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Sun, July 28 through Thurs, Aug 1 Vacation Bible School at Trinity UMC (5:15 to 7:45 pm)

Tues, July 30 Back-to-School Giveaway SET UP (9:00 am)

Thurs, Aug 1 Back-to-School Giveaway (10:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Fri, Aug 2 Back-to-School Giveaway (noon to 3:00 pm)

Wed, Aug 7 Finance Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Tues, Aug 13 Red Cross Blood Drive (1:00 to 6:00 pm)

..... Executive Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)

..... Worship & Music Committee Meeting (6:30 pm)

Thurs, Aug 22 ... Church Council (6:30 pm)

Wed, Aug 28 Altar Guild Meeting (5:30 pm)

..... St. John Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (6:30 pm)

..... Agape Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm)

ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST

OUR SYMPATHIES AND GOD'S COMFORT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **At the 10:30 Service on Sun, July 28, thirteen students were awarded scholarships made available through the generosity of the Mai and Nuss families.** Recipients of the 2024-2025 Mai Family Scholarship are Halle Anderson, Cole Birky, Kierra Eck, Charles Krug, Aubrey Larson, Nathan Lorenc, Emily Mader, Diego Muller, Edwin Muller, Renee Nichol, Kayla Noller, Miquala Purscell, and Rylan Reeves. Recipients of the 2024-2025 Earlin Nuss Memorial Scholarship are Kierra Eck and Edwin Muller. Congratulations and blessings to all students as they begin another year of academic challenges and achievements.
- **Set up for the Back-to-School Giveaway will be Tuesday, July 30 at 9:00 am. The Back-to-School Giveaway is scheduled for Thursday, August 1 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday, August 2 from noon to 3:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to help with set up on Tuesday, or help with the Giveaway on Thursday or Friday. If you can spare even an hour, there's a task you can help with!
- **2024 Vacation Bible School "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity"** brought St. John Lutheran Church and Trinity United Methodist Church together to simplify planning, preparation, and presentation. VBS will be held at Trinity UMC Sun, July 28 through Thurs, Aug 1 (5:15 to 7:15 pm). The VBS Volunteer team ask **everyone** to keep VBS in their prayers. On the back page of this bulletin, you'll find a brief summary of prayers, and a daily prayer that emphasizes each day's lesson.
- The **St. John Choirs will begin the 2024-2025 season on Wednesday, August 28.** The **St. John Ringers Bell Choir** will meet at 6:30 pm and the **Agape Choir** will meet at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! If you have questions, please call Juanita Flegler, St. John Ringers Director at 785-483-0278 or Ruth Keil, Agape Choir Director at 785-483-6115.

St. John Lutheran Church and
Trinity United Methodist Church present
2024 Vacation Bible School
“**Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity**”
July 28 through August 1



Please bathe VBS in prayer:

- Ask God to show kids the hope they can have for eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to open the hearts and minds of all who are serving to hear from God in a fresh way during VBS week.
- Pray that kids would see that God’s plan is for them to have an eternal relationship with Jesus
- Thank God for blessing those who have not yet seen but will believe that Jesus is alive. (John 20:29)
- Pray that VBS would provide an opportunity for parents AND kids to be a witness in the community.
- Praise God today for His great love and that we are His children. (1 John 3:1a)
- Pray that children will continue to increase in wisdom concerning God’s word. (Luke 2:52)
- Thank God for continuing to bless the work even after VBS has ended.

These daily prayers will strengthen and encourage both volunteers and children as they study the day’s Bible Point, Key Bible Verse, and Bible Story:

- **Sunday, July 28 (Day 1):** Pray that everyone involved with VBS will continue to seek God with all their hearts and grow their relationship with Jesus.
- **Monday, July 29 (Day 2):** Thank the Lord joyfully for all He is doing this week through VBS. Praise Him as the rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)
- **Tuesday, July 30 (Day 3):** Pray that VBS will produce fruit and glorify God in the children attending and all those who are serving this very special week. (John 15:8)
- **Wednesday, July 31 (Day 4):** Pray that God would bless all follow up, ministry, and relationships for weeks, months, and years to come as a result of a very powerful VBS.
- **Thursday, August 1 (Day 5):** Ask God to provide a time of rest and refreshment for all who served at 2024 Vacation Bible School “Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity”