

9th Sunday after Pentecost



When Jesus partners with our offerings

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All are welcome!

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Introduction

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

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our provider,

All 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, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All Amen.

Opening Song

We Come to the Hungry Feast

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry people of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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The Greeting

P The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.

All **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**

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from 2 Kings, the 4th chapter

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.

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.

2 Kings 4:42-44

L The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Ephesians, the 3rd chapter

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.

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.

Ephesians 3:14-21

L The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

♪ ♪ Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. ♪ ♪

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Come to the Table

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your soul will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with one voice confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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

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

♪ ♪ I cast all my cares upon You. ♪ ♪
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my care upon You.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God. **All:** **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that peace through sign language.

P Christ become peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offering

While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise God above, Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

***All* Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the
world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

***All* And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

***All* We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

***All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

All 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 Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Sharing the Meal

P The body of Christ broken for you.

All Amen

P The blood of Christ shed for you.

All Amen

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

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Benediction

Please stand as you are able.

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

All Amen.

Sending Song

Bind Us Together

Chorus

**Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.**

Verse 1

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body. That is why we can sing. **Chorus**

Verse 2

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire. You are the glorious new wine. **Chorus**

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Dismissal

P Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:23*
Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,
August 1st

First Reading:	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm:	Psalm 78:23-29
Second Reading:	Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel:	John 6:24-35

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