

Sunday Worship  
July 25, 2021

I am the bread of  
life. He who comes  
to me will never  
hunger. —John 6:35



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## 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior*

Arr. Hassell

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, 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.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN #413

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

## KYRIE

**Music on page 120**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: 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.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Music on page 121**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Refrain* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

C: **And also with you.**

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.**

### **THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44****Reader: Gary Groth**

R: <sup>42</sup>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." <sup>43</sup>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.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21****Reader: Gary Groth**

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

<sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Music on page 124**

**C: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

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

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **John 6:1-21**

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

P: <sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>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?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #793

*Be Thou My Vision*

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.  
C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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 THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer . . .

**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.

**OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERING SONG** Red hymnal #583

**C:** Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold:  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen

**HYMN #674**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”**

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*In the Garden*

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration of their 44th anniversary.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

**7/17 & 7/18**

**Total Attendance: 95**

Total Unified Giving: \$2,748.00

Total Building: \$ 485.00

## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR: May 2021**

Unified Giving: \$18,146.20

Expenses: \$25,836.24

Building Fund Giving: \$1,924.20

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

**Building Fund Balance: \$26,377.89**

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of May 2021 on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

## **Staff**

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;  
Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;  
Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH / Shoes 4 the Shoeless & Socks**

During the month of July we will be collecting **new** children's shoes and socks. Boys and girls from preschool to 12th grade will benefit from this program. Size 5-8 shoes and socks for boys and girls are especially needed. Please have all items in to the church by July 31st.

### **COMMUNION SERVICES**

Below you will find a list of dates that communion will be offered here at Zion. It is the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month and the 4th Saturday of the month. You will also find this schedule in the monthly newsletter.

**Saturday: August 28**

**Sunday: August 1 and 15**

### **REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Faith. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

**YES! There will be a Mum Festival Garage Sale  
in Zion's Fellowship Hall !  
Thursday & Friday, September 23&24**

We will need donations of furniture, toys, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, tools, sporting goods, seasonal decorations, garden items, home décor, etc. We ask that all donated items be in good, clean condition and in working order. We do **NOT** accept clothing (you can take clothes to *The Clothesline*), TVs, treadmills, or large exercise equipment. We will accept your donations beginning on Saturday, September 18 through Tuesday, September 21. Please do **NOT** bring donations before September 18<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit the Women of Zion outreach ministry.