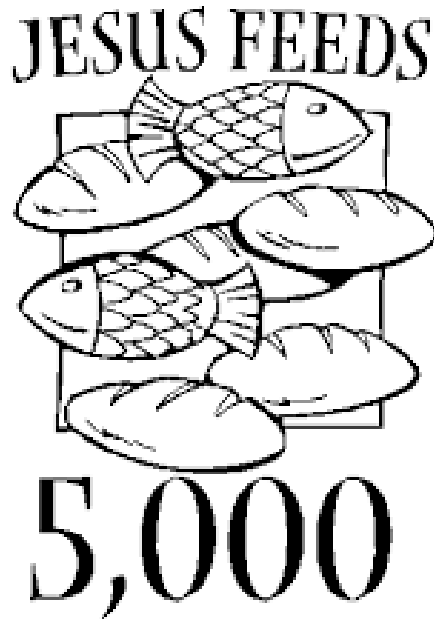


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Time After Pentecost



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just As I Am Without One Plea

Arr. Hassell

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, 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 Red hymnal #482

I Come with Joy

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

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

KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal #328

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

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

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

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

C: ¹³**Your 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

P: 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, ⁹There 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

HYMN Red hymnal #515

Break Now the Bread of Life

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....

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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 pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

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 Red hymnal #689

Praise and Thanksgiving

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

Let All Things Now Living

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Bob & Deb Keppel in celebration of their 47th anniversary.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Acolyte	Marissa Kessler
Reader	Chris Frame
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Ushers	John & Jill Greer
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson

Total Attendance: 7/20 & 21: 94

Unified Giving: \$1,630.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran World Relief Health Kits*

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Two ways to help:

1) Purchase the items listed, put them unassembled in a bag and place it in the collection box in the narthex.

2) Donate money that a group of shoppers can use to purchase the items listed. Give Donna Slyman a call if you have any questions @ 902-1038.

ZION KITCHEN CLEAN-UP Come help make the kitchen sparkle again on **August 1st from 10:00 - noon**. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.

YOU'RE INVITED to a retirement party for Katie Sonnanstine hosted by Community Services on **August 1st**. The festivities go from **4:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Senior Citizens Center on Hyatt Street.

YOUTH/KIDSSUNDAY SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping on Sunday, August 4th after service in the adult Sunday School room. Contact Jessica Dorn with questions.

ZION NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS August 10th is going to be a great time at the ballpark. Jill Greer has handed out the tickets and \$5 vouchers. If you didn't get them, check your mailbox. If you wish to carpool, be at the church at 6:00.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is **August 25th**. The worship service and picnic will be in our comfortable air conditioned Fellowship Hall. A variety of games will happen after lunch. Church council will provide the chicken and the Women of Zion will provide drinks. Bring a side dish to share and your own service ware. A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hallway.

RALLY DAY is **September 8th at 9:00**. Children, youth and adults will celebrate rejoining for Sunday School with breakfast. Lori Sebastian will be presenting the lesson. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the fellowship hallway. Those who want to contribute a breakfast item, please indicate what you are providing.