

August 4, 2024

Time After Pentecost

*I am
the Bread
of Life
John 6:35*



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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

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision/Amazing Grace

Arr. Chung

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 # 461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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: 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

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: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

R: ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The 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." ⁴Then 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. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"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.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of

dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When 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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

R: ²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

C: ²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

R: ²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

C: ²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

R: ²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

C: ²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

R: ²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

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

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 6:24-35**

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

P: ²⁴When 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. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Do 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." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom He has sent." ³⁰So 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?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then 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. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to

him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Dale Schaefer

HYMN Purple hymnal #966 *Loaves Were Broke, Words Were Spoken*

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

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 #536

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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

Lift High the Cross

Arr. Behnke

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
Susie Gray in memory of Allen Gray.*

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

In Helpful Service

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| Pastor | Dale Schaefer |
| Reader | Lilian Nichols |
| Communion Assist | Ginger Schaefer |
| Ushers | Judy & Ken Bailey |
| Greeters | Dale & Debbie Rudisill |

Total Attendance: 7/27 & 28: 79

Unified Giving: \$2,105.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran World Relief School Kits*

These kits will be shipped overseas to help children learn, in disadvantaged areas. Each school kit needs the following items:

One 30-centimeter ruler, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers secured together with a rubber band.

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide ruled paper. No loose leaf paper.

One pencil sharpener

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One pair **blunt** scissors. (**no** pointed scissors).

One 2 ½" eraser

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secured together with a rubber band

Pick up a **School Backpack** by the table in the narthex to get started, and fill the backpack with the necessary items listed above.

Any questions, ask **Action Team Leader Kathy Groth**.

YOUTH/KIDSSUNDAY SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping **TODAY** 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.