

LARGE PRINT EDITION

HOLY COMMUNION



Sunday, July 28, 2024 + 9:30 am
Christ feeding the five thousand

Learn Live and Share God's Word

In hungry people, we see Christ waiting to be fed

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

J. S. Bach

At the sound of the bell please stand if you are able.

GATHERING DIALOG

A The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.

P The gates of heaven are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

L **Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.**

Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.

R Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin;

C the feast is ready to begin.

A Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.

P He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine.

L Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.

R Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin;

C the feast is ready to begin.

A The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.

P Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

L Sing with thankfulness... songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in... heaven's love and light.

R Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin;

C the feast is ready to begin.

#ELW 531 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*
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GATHERING SONG

(hymn) ELW 482

"I Come with Joy"

**1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

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GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

P Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

C **God is with us, here we find new life.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

Word

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING

Elisha feeds a hundred people *dramatized* 2 Kings 4:42–44

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.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to 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.

Word of God, bread of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145:10–18 ICEL

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

(145:16)

A Let your works praise you, Lord, your faithful ones bless you.

**C Let them proclaim your glorious reign,
let them tell of your might.**

A Let them make known to all your might and glorious reign.

C Your dominion lasts for ever, your rule for all generations!

A The Lord is faithful in every word and gracious in every work.

C The Lord supports the fallen, raises those bowed down.

A The eyes of all look to you, you give them food in due time.

C You open wide your hand to feed all living things.

A The Lord is just in every way, loving in every deed;
near to those who call, who cry out from their hearts.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Prayer to Christ

Ephesians 3:14–21

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.

For 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.

Word of God, bread of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 4; ELW page 151

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jesus feeds 5,000

John 6:1–21

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.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 479

"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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STATEMENT OF FAITH *(Maori, New Zealand)*

A Let us together proclaim the faith that we share
with Christians around the world, using words of a Maori
creed...

C You, O God, are supreme and holy,
You create our world and give us life,
your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us
in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
each petition concludes:*

...Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

C Your mercy endures forever.

finally:

P Merciful God, you look with compassion
on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

**C Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Meal

PEACE

P Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace,

C who breaks down the walls that divide.

P May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

C May the word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is
gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During

this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C **God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord is here.

C **God’s spirit is with us.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ... we give you thanks and sing:

setting 4, ELW p. 153

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,**

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

P As Christ teaches we 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting 4; ELW page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for the living bread
that rains down from heaven.

C From this feast of love
may we carry your eternal life
as daily food for the well-being of the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending

BLESSING & SENDING OF BIBLE CAMP YOUTH

BLESSING

P Christ, the Bread of Life,
sends out all who love, renewed by word and sacrament.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you now and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 689

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share**

one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

- 4** Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Feed the hungry.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Doreen Potter

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CHRIST
THE BREAD OF LIFE

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower-level following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

*The language of our worship this summer
is based on language in the New Zealand Prayer Book.*

Serving Today

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
 Katrina Benedict, *assisting minister*
 Roger Peterson, *reader*
 Audrey & Al Erickson, *dramatized reading*
 Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
 Anna Matthes, *summer music*
 Julie and Dave Larson, *technology desk*
 Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
 Rick Sundly, *usher*
 Rich Feist, *bus ministry*
 Evans family, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Carol Panning
 in memory of Hillard and in honor of Jaedyn’s birthday.
If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can help to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Water the butterfly garden	Dave Olson	Summer opportunity
Summer coffee hosts	Karen Moeller	Sign up downstairs
Salty Carmel hosts	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Bread of Christ month Bread bakers / buyers	Office	Aug 4 - 25
Bread of Christ month Readers: dramatized scripture readings	Office	Aug 4 - 25

Welcome

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran



Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.

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