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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
August 1, 2021 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

“Give us this bread always.”

[John 6:34]

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WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us.

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*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.*

## SUNDAY PRELUDE

**Paul Smith, Pianist**

## BELL

*Sit*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism as the leader begins.*

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, risen Christ, for water that makes us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
 Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
 Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
 Make us one, risen Christ.**

Cleanse our hearts.  
 Shower us with life.  
 To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

**GATHERING HYMN All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461**



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Stand as you are able*

## SONG OF PRAISE



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

### *The Lord gives manna in the wilderness*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The 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.”

<sup>4</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’”

<sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“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.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When 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.”

## PSALM 78:23-29

*God rained down manna from heaven;  
so mortals ate the bread of angels.*

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

26The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
 and powerfully led out the south wind,  
 27raining down flesh upon them like dust  
 and flying birds like the sand of the seas,  
 28letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
 and round about the dwellings.  
 29So the people ate and were well filled,  
 for God gave them what they craved.

**READING**

Ephesians 4:14-16

*Maintain the unity of faith*

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.

*Stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**GOSPEL**

John 6:24-35

*Christ the bread of life*

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.” 35Jesus 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.”

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection*

*Stand as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**What Feast of Love**

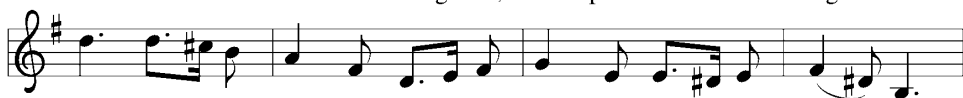
**ELW 487**



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 INTERCESSION

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

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places.

Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER INSPIRED BY JOHN

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, God from before the beginning,

God bearing your Word of grace,

God sending your Dove of peace.

**Glory to you, O God!**

You are the great I AM,

feeding your people with manna in the wilderness.

You are the Father of our beloved Jesus,

whom you gave to the world to be the Lamb,

the King of Israel, the Son of Man.

**Glory to you, O God!**

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher.

He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine,

the good shepherd, the gate of protection,

our very Lord and God, our way, our truth,

and our resurrection to life eternal.

**Glory to you, O God!**

Glory to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

the Source of all, the Light of the world,

the Advocate for your children.

**Blessing, thanksgiving, and honor and might  
be to you forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION

## SUNDAY DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Paul Smith, Pianist

*Stand as you are able*

## THE 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.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING PRAYERS

God, whose glory fills all creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: **Keep safe those who travel this summer; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them safely to their journey's end.**

Merciful God, hear our prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. **May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.**

May their caregivers, families, and neighbors be shielded from the spread of the virus.

**Give comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.**

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, **that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.**

Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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## BLESSING

### SENDING SONG    Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer    ELW 618



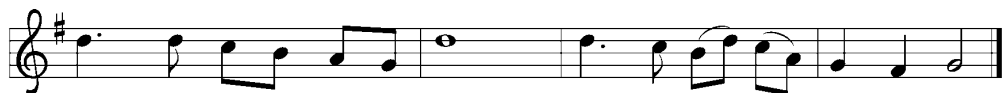
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more,      feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might-y arm,      shield me with your might-y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more,      I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Show the love of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SUNDAY POSTLUDE**

**Paul Smith, Pianist**

Cynthia & Stephen want to express  
*"Thank You So Much!"* for the generous gift the  
Congregation gave them July 18 and *"We will miss you!*  
*God keep you."*

Their new address is:  
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## PASTOR'S INFORMATION

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## OUR MISSION

As a community formed by God's grace, guided by His Holy Word, the Bible, and powered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to:

**Grow** in faith and discipleship,

**Share** the good news of Jesus through word and deed,

**Love** others as Christ loves us, and

**Celebrate** life in Christ through worship, sacrament and service.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Members of Good Shepherd ..... Servants of Christ  
The Rev. Daniel Christian ..... Pastor  
Stephen McKersie ..... Director of Music  
Falon Barmaki ..... Congregational Life Coordinator/Admin.  
Paul Smith ..... Pianist

*Many thanks to those who serve as Ushers, Greeters, Singers,  
Instrumentalists, and the Altar Guild.*