

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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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.

OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

#556 ELW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your

sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “We Remember You”

FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:1–16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

I 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.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 78:23–29

R: God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.
(Ps. 78:24, 25)

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
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.
²⁶**The 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,
²⁸**letting 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. **R**

GOSPEL: John 6:24–35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, 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."

SERMON: “Don’t Forget the Bread”

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Jesus the Very Thought of You” #754 ELW

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Raise up prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and others who equip the saints for the work of ministry and build up the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the restoration of your creation to the beauty you intended. Send rain for the fields so that crops grow and wildlife flourishes. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders around the world (*especially*). Call them to lead with patience, humility, and gentleness, bearing with one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for refugees, families who are separated because of war, medical personnel, and emergency workers. We pray for all who are dying, hospitalized, or ill this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation, that it be ready to welcome those you send to us. We pray for all visitors, those who long for connection with a community, and those who are searching for meaning in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints with whom we are united in baptism. Sustain us in our lives of faith until we gather with them at the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell. 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: "Go My Children with My Blessing" #543 ELW

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Saturday: Marilyn Samuelson & Valerie Benton
Sunday: Marlys Beavers & Choir

Greeters:

Ushers: 8:30 am Keith & Dawn Kellen
10:00 am Marilyn Andrews

Lector: 8:30 am Marilyn Samuelson

Hospitality Hosts: Dee Olson (90th Birthday)

Communion Servers: Judy Wozney, Mark and Mary Vukelich

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015 5:00pm: 38
Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 8:30am: 83 10:00am: 43

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

August 3 – August 9

Monday	8/3	8:00am	Spring Kitchen Clean-Up
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/4	8:00-10:00am	Pastor Text Study
		9:00am	Crafters
Wednesday	8/5	8:30am	Bible Study
		9:30am	Hardanger
		11:00am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/6	8:00am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Practice
Friday	8/7	10:00am	Bones

Saturday	8/8	8:00-11:00am	Veggie Stand
		1:00-4:00 pm	Foot Care (Parish Nurse's Office)
		5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	8/9	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

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TODAY During Coffee Fellowship we will celebrate Dee Olson's 90th Birthday – Please join us!

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

NEW MEMBERS We receive new members the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor Raisanen.

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE is on the entry table. Please pick a week to mow. Thank you!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY Please pick up and fill out the yellow forms at the church entry if you have free time to help out church members in need.

VEGGIE STAND is now open every Saturday morning until fall.

FOOT CARE will be held on Saturday, August 8th in the Parish Nurse's Office. Please call Patti Honnold if there are any questions or to arrange an appointment at 320-676-8421.

One Service on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am. The Garms Family will be perform Southern Gospel Music

MUSIC JAM & ICE CREAM SOCIAL Aug 9 2:00-4:00 Light of the Cross, Garrison. Outdoor event, bring lawn chairs, free. Bring your instruments.