

The Feeding of the 5,000

A stylized illustration featuring a large blue and teal fish on the left, facing right, and a large golden-brown loaf of bread on the right, facing left. Both are set against a background of yellow and brown stripes.

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Sunday, July 18, 2021

8:15 and 10:00 am - Communion

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trusting Jesus -- Arr. Mary McDonald

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The assembly kneels.

L: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG ***Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*** (ELW 676)

GREETING

L: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

L: The first reading is from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

¹ "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 23.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 11-22

L: The second reading is from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through

the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15 am only) *The Anchor Holds*

-- Lawrence Chewning and Ray Boltz

- Peggy Crawford, vocalist

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
(ELW 484)

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

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PEACE (Peace should be offered with a smile and a wave.)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

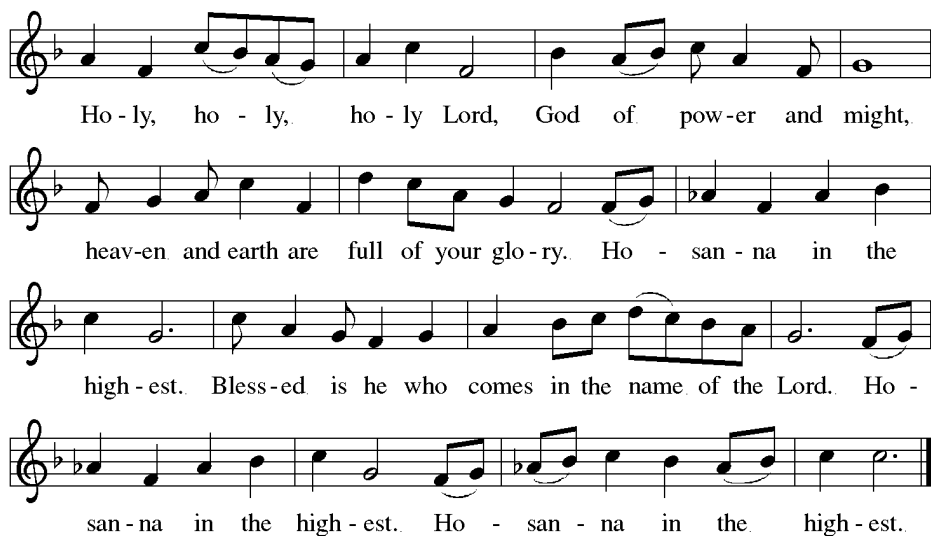
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

Taste and See
(ELW 493)

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on
High*** (ELW 857)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau from Te Deum
-- Marc-Antoine Charpentier,
Arr. Michael Ryan

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 136:1-9, Ephesians 3:14-21, Mark 6:45-56

WELCOME!

We are so excited that you have joined us today. You are important to our church family. Please complete the connect card in the pew before you leave worship this day. If you need to speak with a pastor or pastoral leader, please call the church office at 724-352-2333.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTE	Amy Montag-Smith	Jeff Hartzell
ALTAR GUILD	Ruth Richards and Shannon Miller	Cindy Bearrow and Mandy Jockel
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Montag-Smith	
GREETER	Ruth Markwell	Lil Bachman
OFFERING COUNTERS	Donna Shipe and Dave Fugate	

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18-Jul
George and Barbara Reuning III

20-Jul
James and Ronna Drennen III

22-Jul
Andy and Dusty Olczak III

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19

July 24

July 26

Aug 9

Aug 12

Angel Article Deadline

9:00 am - Yard Sale Haul Away

10:00 am - Sewing Group

6:00 pm Community Quiet Time

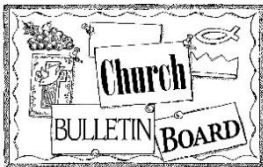
10:00 am - Sewing Group

5:00 – 8:00 Sunday School Swim Party

CHURCH YARD SALE

Thank you to everyone who made the Annual Church Yard Sale a success. The Sewing Ministry was blessed with over \$2,700. This amount will provide enough supplies for 675 lap robes **OR** flannel baby blankets **OR** incubator covers **OR** fleece blankets for a child/adult in Cambodia **OR** 168 prayer shawls.

The remaining items need to be packed and hauled away. If you are able to pack and/or haul, please contact Gayle Gundlach 724-822-0803. Haul away day is planned for this Saturday, July 24th, starting at 9:00 am.



Check out the church bulletin board in the Koinonia Café.

The bulletin board is a place for church and community events.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for the sun, rain that brings growth and beauty; for your gift of grace that saves us and continues to grow our faith.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Roger Walker (chemo, lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad

Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer)

Patty (cancer)

Jim Humes (cancer)

Rochelle Harbison (cancer)

Ann (stage 4 stomach cancer, chemo)

Mary Deems (stage 1 cancer)

Clara Pitschke (critically ill)

Kelly Kramich (cancer)

Diane (pneumonia, multiple health issues) Jeannine's sister

Carolyn Szebalski (recovery)

Mark Kollinger (back surgery recovery)

Bonnie Weaver (back surgery recovery)

Gabby Nowak (knee surgery recovery),

Bobbie Jo Shearer (hip surgery recovery)

Sue (pain)

Kristen Chiappini (colon cancer)

Persecuted believers

Florida victims & families

Liz Gordon (surgery)

Weekly NALC Church: St. Paul's, Sarver, Rev. Shawn Smith; St. Luke's ministry; for God's guidance in completing our pastoral process.

Monthly Mission: Days for Girls, Valencia Chapter