

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Hungry for More

They were hungry, but they didn't know what they were hungry for. Their longing compelled them to cross the sea and comb through the villages in search of the one who could meet their deepest desires. They had seen the sign, after all—the baskets of leftover bread, the impossible abundance of fish. Surely, they must find the source to have their needs fulfilled once and for all.

Perhaps we too are hungry—for security, for certainty, for power, for recognition, for the simple assurance that we are good enough in a world that always seems to demand more. We too may find ourselves searching for the one who can calm our spirits or offer us those things on which our hearts are set. We cry out with the crowd, “Give us this bread always” (*John 6:34*). Care for us. Feed us. Help us. Reassure us. We have seen what you can do. Show us this sign again so that we may believe.

But God gives us more than bread; indeed, God gives us more than whatever we think we most desire. Jesus takes our questions and those things we think we need and redirects us to himself—the source of all life for the world. We ask for the things we most crave. Jesus offers us abundant life. We ask for what we can comprehend. Jesus gives us the promises of God that pass all understanding.

John's gospel invites us to dwell with Jesus in the mysteries of God. Not to understand exactly. Not to have our fill of the things we demand. But to abide with God. To be wrapped in the promises of the one who has been feeding the hungry and sustaining life since the very beginning, giving us life that cannot be earned but is simply received through Jesus.



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 1, 2021

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.



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Hymns and songs (#) are located in the back half of the book.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism page 97

Gathering Song #461
“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”
*Turn to face the processional cross at the entrance to the church.
Turn as the processional cross passes to the front during the singing.*

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.

Kyrie page 138
“In peace, let us pray . . .”

Canticle of Praise page 140
“This is the feast . . .”

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Word

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

Soloist sings the refrain first, then repeated by all and where indicated.

God rained down man - na from heav - en;
so mor - tals ate the bread of an - gels.

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 a- | bout the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved. **R**

Second 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.

The reading concludes:
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Yvonne Lind & Elaine Waxberg

Organist: Jennifer Baker-Trinity

Power Point:

Liturgist: Wendy Schmidt

Lector: Mike Carroll

Acolytes: Riley Carlson & Leah Stavig

Communion Assistants: Deb Dahlberg, Teresa Hasbrook, Millie Peters

Altar Guild: Muriel Bungert & Millie Peters

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Ushers: Yvonne Lind & Elaine Waxberg

Song & Prayer Leaders: First Four Quartet and Jaime Holmstrom

Power Point:

Lector: Marilyn Schoolmeesters

Acolyte: Chase Stream

Communion Assistants: Sue Griffin, Linda Tripp, Alissa Zeltinger

Altar Guild: Muriel Bungert & Millie Peters

Upcoming Commemorations

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”	page 146
“I Received the Living God”	#477
“O Bread of Life from Heaven”	#480

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Sending Song	“The Church’s One Foundation”	#654
	<i>Turn to face the cross as it passes</i>	

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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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.

The gospel is announced:
The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day	“Bread of Life from Heaven”	#474
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Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer:
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Our offering is a collection of money for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. Your offering and “Count Me In” may be placed in the basket as you come forward for communion.

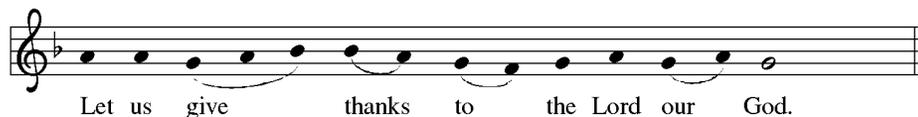
Offering Prayer

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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Glory to you, God from before the beginning,
God bearing from above your Word of grace,
God sending on us the Dove of peace.
Glory to you, O God!

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!

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!

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On the night that he washed his disciples' feet,
he 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.

With Lazarus we wait in our tomb,
we hear you call our name,
and we come out from our death into your life.
With Mary Magdalene we cry out,
We have seen the Lord.

We have seen the Lord.

Breathe your Spirit of power on us.
Nourish us with your living water,
and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son.
Claim us as your friends.
Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes.
Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another.

Glory to you, O God!

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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: **Blessing**
and thanksgiving: **Thanksgiving**
and honor: **Honor**
and might: **Might**

be to you forever and ever.

Amen.

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Communion

We celebrate at an open communion table. All who hear our Lord's invitation are welcome to participate. You will be dismissed by row to receive the bread and wine at the altar rail. Children who have received age-appropriate instruction are welcome to commune.