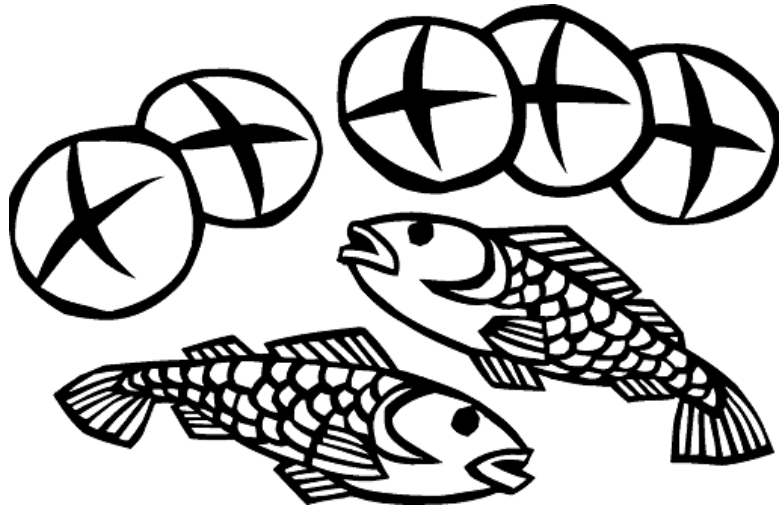


Sunday August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

AUGUST 13th will be Sundae Sunday! Outdoor Praise Team service with the Worship & Music committee serving Ice Cream Sundaes afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Corn Feed! Saturday, August 19th, 4:30-7:00pm. Pulled Pork on a Bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Beverage. \$10 Adults, 12 and under \$5.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday morning. Signup sheet in the Narthex which includes the weekly readings, or contact Mary Braun if you can help.

BLESSING BOX: The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. Julie Swaggert will talk about this month’s project. Thank you!

VEGGIE STAND OPEN the Veggie Stand will be open on Saturday mornings to raise money for Local Benevolence. Contributions of baked good items are welcome for sale that day.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP There will be a Grief Support Group starting on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, at 4:00pm and runs approximately 1-1/2 hours. The sessions will run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. Anyone interested can simply show up. You are not required to attend all sessions but are urged to. Free will donation accepted but not required. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 7, 2023 – August 13, 2023

Monday	8/7	9:00 am	Women’s Devotion
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/8	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	8/9	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	8/10	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8/12	8:00 am	Veggie Stand Fundraising
Sunday	8/13	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream Sundae Sunday!

TEMPLE TALK: Julie Swaggert

OPENING HYMN “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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(Please Stand on the last Verse)

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 folk 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of **✝** Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God,

your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come Be Fed"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not

know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712 ELW

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

SPECIAL MUSIC – “My Worth is Not What I Own” John Muske

OFFERING - Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,

for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord of the Blossom"



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are



vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your



ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your



face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the



vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in



wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the



plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir

Accompanist: Sandra Lee-Muske

Guest Preacher & Worship Assistant: Zella Wong

Ushers: Carolyn Morris & Janice Olson

Greeters: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Jo & Rocky DeFeyer

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, July 30, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 65 Online: 11