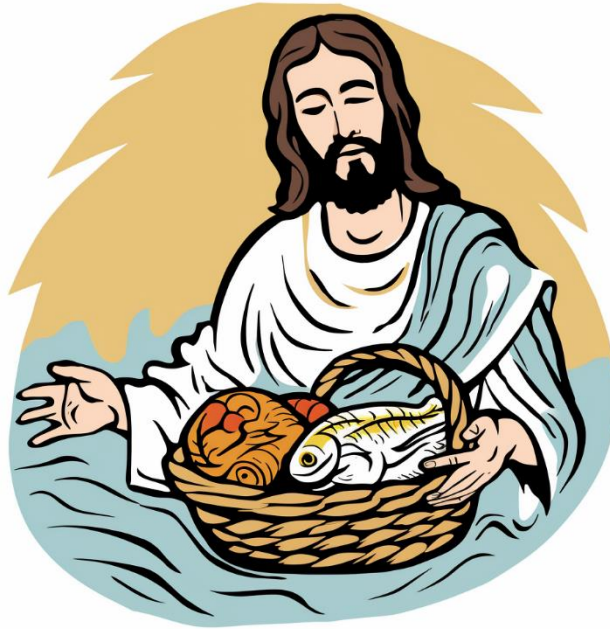


10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 10:15 a.m.



*With Christ at the center of all that we do,
we share our God given gifts, love one another,
and gather as a community of faith.*

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Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

*(*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand.)*

GATHERING

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN:

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

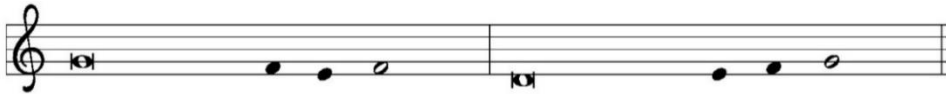
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:10-18



- 10 All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- 11 **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**
- 12 that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.**
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.
- 14 The 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.**
- 16 You 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.**
- 18 You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Sixth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing

may be lost.”¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*APOSTLES 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 to the dead. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(The response after each petition is Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.** The prayers end with:)* Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God our thanks and praise.

*WORDS of INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*COMMUNION INVITATION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

(All who believe are invited to come to the Lord's table to share in this feast of love graciously prepared for us. We practice grace and hospitality using bread and grape juice for everyone to freely participate. We share this meal by means of intinction.)

Beginning with the left side (lectern) of the sanctuary, please come forward at the direction of the usher. Receive the body of our Lord from the Pastor and then dip the bread into the Cup of Blessing as the Communion Assistant announces that Christ's blood has been shed for you. Please inform the Pastor if you need a gluten free host. If unable to come forward for Holy Communion, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will come to you.)

COMMUNION HYMN: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW #471



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BLESSING**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:**

Kumbayah

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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TODAY'S SERVERS

The People..... Ministers
Rev. Richard GeibPastor
Barry Eppley Usher
Jason Spickler..... Tech Support
Janice WiseCommunion Assistant & Lector
Brittany Houck Secretary

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28th..... Worship in the pavilion 10:15 AM
..... Special Meeting after worship with refreshments
Sunday, August 4th..... Worship 10:15 AM

Remember in Prayer

- Nancy Reider
- Connie Shireman
- Maggie Haas
- Jim & Mary Lou Fletcher-Powell
- Bob & Peggy Swope
- Hannah Kurtz
- Butch McCarty
- Jim Wise
- Donna Kingsborough
- Addisyn Yohe
- George Glattacker
- Brooke Ross
- Everly & Paisley Ebersole

Zion's prayer list has space for all.

Do you know someone in need of prayer, or someone who would like to be added to the prayer list? People and concerns can be placed on the prayer list located on the table in the narthex.

Pastoral Emergency and Prayer Chain

During this time of transition, please call the church office in the event of a pastoral emergency or to add a prayer concern to the prayer chain.

Pastor Geib will keep office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-Noon.

If you want to schedule an appointment, have a home visit or hospital visit or other pastoral need, call or text his cell phone (717-574-7274). His email address is rgeib1957@gmail.com

Calendar Correction

The Seeds of Wisdom lunch at The Jigger Shop will be on Tuesday, August 20th at 12 PM.

Special Meeting

Following our next outdoor worship service in the pavilion on Sunday, July 28, 2024, we will be having a special meeting of the congregation. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss plans to move forward with an HVAC upgrade to our property and to seek the necessary congregational approval for the allocation of funds to do so. This work would include adding air conditioning to our building and at the same time, upgrading our current inefficient heating system. Information regarding the proposal will be shared prior to the meeting on the 28th.

Miniature Golfing – Sunday, August 11th at 6 PM

Join us for a fun evening of mini golf at Boulder's in Mountville, on Sunday evening, August 11. The cost to golf is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 65 or older, and \$9 for kids 12 and under. If we have 12 or more people, the group rate is \$8.50 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the mailboxes. Please sign up if you plan on attending. Don't forget that Scoop's Ice Cream & Grille is next door. You can get a meal before golf and ice cream afterwards!

2025 Election of New Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop

In 2025, the Lower Susquehanna Synod will elect a new bishop and will require a three-day synod assembly. If you'd like to learn more about the process, you are invited to attend a Listening Session sponsored by the synod. The session closest to us will be held on Sunday, August 18 at 2 PM at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church outside of Lancaster. All are welcome!

They'll know us by our love ... the song suggests. The Congregation Council has been talking about how our congregation can bear witness to our community. We have begun an intentional effort to "say thanks" to our neighbors and friends who care for our neighborhood. Perhaps you'd join us? Write a thank you note to your neighbor who mows the lawn of an aged neighbor or the volunteer firefighter down the street or the young adult going off to serve in the military or to anyone you know who shares their gifts on behalf of others. Say thanks! And, if you can add Zion Lutheran Church, Marietta under your name, all the better. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our community came to know us as the "church that says thanks?!"

Prime Time Dessert Request

Prime Time meets the first Tuesday of the month. If you are a dessert baker/maker your culinary contribution would surely be appreciated. Please contact Janice Wise here at church on Sundays or call her at 717-951-3114 if you plan to bring a dessert or have any questions. Thank you for considering this every now and then. This is not a request that would tie you to every month.

Take a moment to check out Zion's Website! – <http://www.zionmarietta.org/>

- Check out the Pastor's Blog and upcoming events
- If you missed a service, there is a link to our YouTube Channel available on our website where you can watch live and previously recorded services.
- Weekly bulletins, newsletters, and calendars are also available to download!