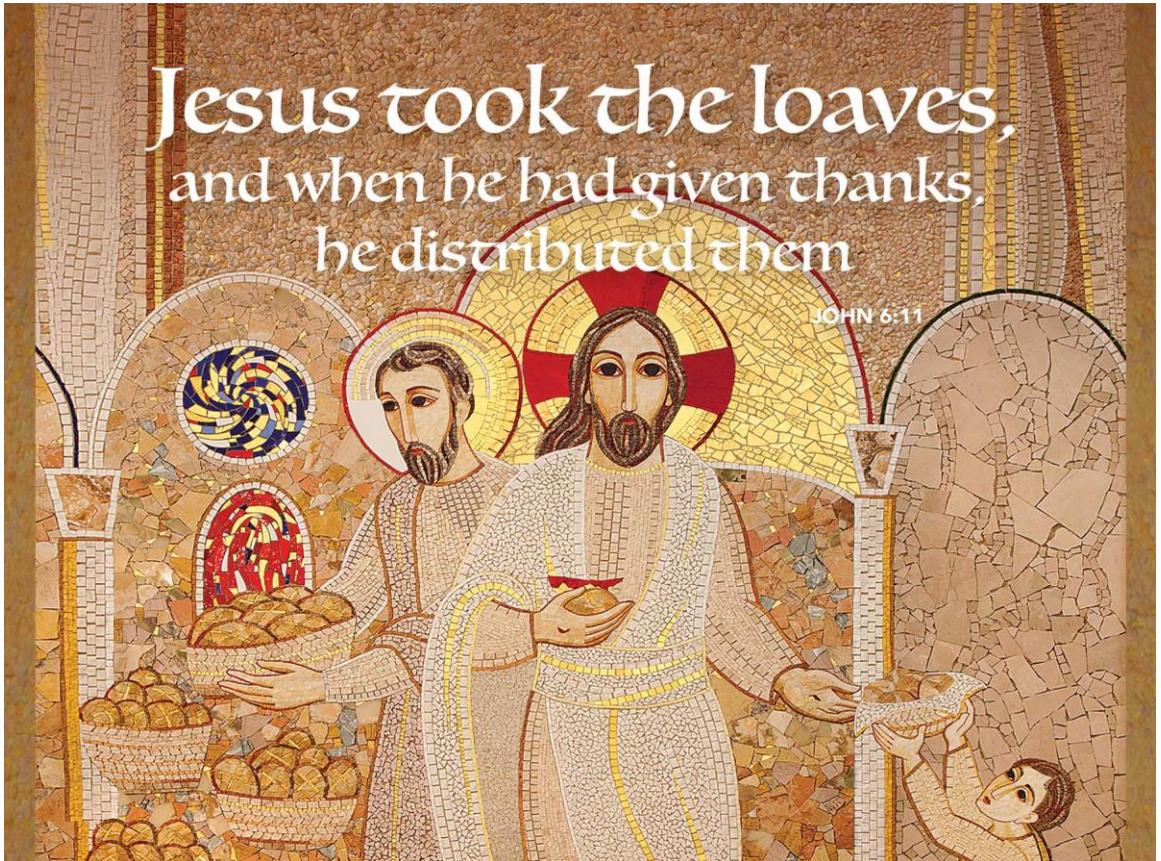


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 29, 2018

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *Break Now the Bread of Life*

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GREETING

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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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

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.

⁴²A 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." ⁴³But 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.'" ⁴⁴He 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: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All 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,**

¹²that 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.

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 up- | on you faithfully.

SECOND READING: 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.

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

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to 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 John.

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.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When 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?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One 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?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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."

¹⁵When 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.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then 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 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ's body and blood. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Help us to welcome all to know and love Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you give us opportunities for recreation and rest. Be with all who travel. Give them safe and joyful homecomings. Protect all who are visiting our community this weekend, especially all racers and spectators. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith, especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and the martyr Olaf, king of Norway. Hasten the feast that will reunite us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Now Thank We All Our God*

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DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

Eucharistic ministers are individuals who take Communion to members who are homebound. Training will be provided on Monday, August 20 from 10 am-noon for those who are interested in serving. Please contact Pastor Ken if you will be attending. If you are interested in serving and you are unable to attend this class, please also contact Pastor Ken and another class will be scheduled.

Pastor Ken is offering opportunities to gather together for prayer. No need to sign up ahead of time. Just come as you are. Rain site for outdoor prayer gatherings will be St. Peter's:

August 1 at 6:30 pm	Coloring Prayer (St. Peter's, fellowship hall)
August 15 at 10:00 am	Centering Prayer (meet at Palmer Park, weather permitting)

All ladies are invited to travel to the *Lake FX Grill* in Port Huron on Wednesday, August 8 for the Outreach Ladies' Luncheon. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

In August we will be scheduling worship assistants for the next year through August 2019. Names will be taken from last year's list, but we have lost many volunteers in the past year and need more people to serve as ushers, communion assistants and projectionists. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, please inform Pastor Ken or the office. Current volunteers, if you have special requests for days or months that you do not want to be scheduled, please inform the office by August 15. Thank you to all our volunteers for your faithful service.

We are in need of many new Sunday School teachers this fall. If you can volunteer to teach on a rotating basis, call Keri Stevens 810-326-0885.

The Attic Angels committee has begun the annual clothing drive. Clothing can be brought to the church basement and placed on the tables. All items must be clean and in wearable condition. The last day for the drive will be August 26.

Kids Against Hunger will hold a fundraising event on August 22 at Blake's Cider House and Winery in Armada. See the bulletin board for details.

On Sunday, August 19, congregations of the Bluewater Conference will gather for an afternoon of worship and fellowship at the pavilion at Columbus County Park (east of Richmond, 2 miles north of Gratiot, on Bauman Road). Plans include fun and games at 3 pm, followed by a potluck picnic (hot dogs/buns provided). We'll gather to worship using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for all of us in the conference to gather to worship and grow in our fellowship, using the combined talents/gifts of our congregations.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Jon Jones; Ushers: Chris Jebrael & Mike Morenko; Scripture Reader: Norene Stoecker; Projectionist: Kathy Nummer.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 18, Sunday 57

BIRTHDAY: 7/29 William Mau 87 years

ANNIVERSARIES: 8/3 Marlene & Carl Eisen 61 years
8/3 Renee & Tim Evans 33 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Dick Guyott, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Marlene Eisen, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer.
(Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Coloring Prayer 6:30 pm	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am