

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 AUGUST 2024

To
God
be the
GLORY



Great Things He Hath Done!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)

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PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN #522 "AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE"

GREETING (PAGE 138)

P: 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.

♩ **KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (PAGE 138-141)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen

READINGS

1 KINGS 19:4-8 | PSALM 34:1-8 | EPHESIANS 4:25 – 5:2

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)

♩ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (JOHN 6:35, 41-51)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #542 “O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

P: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(Each petition ends: P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.)

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

PEACE (PAGE 143)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

♪ **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMN #487 "WHAT FEAST OF LOVE"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #595 v.3)

**♪ Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #452 “AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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This Week At A Glance

Tuesday	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
Wednesday	10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Boussetot’s Pond
Thursday	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Our Savior’s
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Our Savior’s
Saturday	7:30 pm	QC Symphony Riverfront Pops LeClaire Park, Davenport
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship Service at Faith (outdoors)
	9:30 am	Worship Service at Our Savior’s

Those to keep in prayer: Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Van Mickelson, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers,; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military.

2024 Youth Gathering is collecting offerings to raise **\$250,000** for the **Generation Zero Hunger** initiative, through ELCA World Hunger. If anyone is interested in supporting, please go to www.elca.org/gathering, scroll down click the ‘Offering Online Donation’ icon and select your donation amount. Thank you for your support!

Calamus Lutheran Parish will have a **Basket Raffle** during Calamus Wheatland Community Fun Days in August. Donations of baskets, items for baskets, and money to purchase items are welcome. Andrea Shelton and Mary Timmerman are organizing the raffle.

Pastor Leah will be on vacation from August 11th (after worship) through August 15th. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Rev. Daniel Pell, Lost Nation/Oxford Junction, at (360) 395-8868.

Sunday School needs your help! We are looking for more Sunday School Teachers and a Music Leader as substitutes when teachers are gone. The lessons will already be planned for you! Please see Pastor Leah or any member of the Education Committee if you are willing to assist in these roles.

The **Noisy Offering** will be collected next Sunday, August 18th. The 2024 recipient is Calamus-Wheatland Schools.

The **Community Worship for Calamus-Wheatland Fun Days** will be Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 am in the Calamus Park. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Rain site will be the CALCO. No services at Our Savior's or Faith.

The **Calamus Volunteer Fire Department Beef Dinner** will be held Sunday, August 25th, beginning at 10:30 am at the CALCO.

On **Sunday, September 1st**, there will be **one service** beginning at 9:00 am at Faith Lutheran Church.

There will be a meeting for **confirmands and parents** on **Wednesday, September 4th**, starting at 6:00 pm at Faith to go over schedules and expectations for the year. If unable to attend, please contact Pastor.

Fall worship schedule will begin on **Sunday, September 8th**.
8:00 am Worship at Our Savior's Church
9:25 am Sunday School at Faith Church
10:30 am Worship at Faith Church

Confirmation will begin on **Wednesday, September 11th**, at 6:00 pm at Faith Church.

The Failure of the Jews

John 6:41-51 So the Jews kept murmuring about him, because he said: "I am the bread which came down from heaven." They kept saying: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say: 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered: "Stop murmuring to each other. No one can come to me except the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It stands written in the prophets: 'And all will be taught by God.' Everyone who has listened and learned from my Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God--he has seen the Father. This is the truth I tell you--he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and died. This is the bread of life which comes down from heaven that a man may eat of him and not die. I am the bread of life which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever."

This passage shows the reasons why the Jews rejected Jesus, and in rejecting him, rejected eternal life.

(i) They judged things by human values and by external standards. Their reaction in face of the claim of Jesus was to produce the fact that he was a carpenter's son and that they had seen him grow up in Nazareth. They were unable to understand how one who was a tradesman and who came from a poor home could possibly be a special messenger from God.

T. E. Lawrence was a close personal friend of Thomas Hardy, the poet. In the days when Lawrence was serving as an aircraftman in the Royal Air Force he sometimes used to visit Hardy and his wife in his aircraftman's uniform. On one occasion his visit coincided with a visit of the Mayoress of Dorchester. She was bitterly affronted that she had to submit to meeting a common aircraftman, for she had no idea who he was. In French she said to Mrs. Hardy that never in all her born days had she had to sit down to tea with a private soldier. No one said anything; then Lawrence said in perfect

French: "I beg your pardon, Madame, but can I be of any use as an interpreter? Mrs. Hardy knows no French." A snobbish and discourteous woman had made a shattering mistake because she judged by externals.

That is what the Jews did with Jesus. We must have a care that we never neglect a message from God because we despise or do not care for the messenger. A man would hardly refuse a cheque for 1,000 British pounds because it happened to be enclosed in an envelope which did not conform to the most aristocratic standards of notepaper. God has many messengers. His greatest message came through a Galilaeen carpenter, and for that very reason the Jews disregarded it.

(ii) The Jews argued with each other. They were so taken up with their private arguments that it never struck them to refer the decision to God. They were exceedingly eager to let everyone know what they thought about the matter; but not in the least anxious to know what God thought. It might well be that sometimes in a court or committee, when every man is desirous of pushing his opinion down his neighbour's throat, we would be better to be quiet and ask God what he thinks and what he wants us to do. After all it does not matter so very much what we think; but what God thinks matters intensely; and we so seldom take steps to find it out.

(iii) The Jews listened, but they did not learn. There are different kinds of listening. There is the listening of criticism; there is the listening of resentment; there is the listening of superiority; there is the listening of indifference; there is the listening of the man who listens only because for the moment he cannot get the chance to speak. The only listening that is worth while is that which hears and learns; and that is the only way to listen to God.

(iv) The Jews resisted the drawing of God. Only those accept Jesus whom God draws to him. The word which John uses for to draw is *helkuein* (Greek #1670). The word used in the Greek translation of the Hebrew when Jeremiah hears God say as the King James Version has it: "With loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3). The interesting thing about the word is that it almost always

implies some kind of resistance. It is the word for drawing a heavily laden net to the shore (John 21:6; John 21:11). It is used of Paul and Silas being dragged before the magistrates in Philippi (Acts 16:19). It is the word for drawing a sword from the belt or from its scabbard (John 18:10). Always there is this idea of resistance. God can draw men, but man's resistance can defeat God's pull.

Jesus is the bread of life; which means that he is the essential for life; therefore to refuse the invitation and command of Jesus is to miss life and to die. The Rabbis had a saying: "The generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come." In the old story in Numbers the people who cravenly refused to brave the dangers of the promised land after the report of the scouts, were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. Because they would not accept the guidance of God they were for ever shut out from the promised land. The Rabbis believed that the fathers who died in the wilderness not only missed the promised land, but also missed the life to come. To refuse the offer of Jesus is to miss life in this world and in the world to come; whereas to accept his offer is to find real life in this world and glory in the world to come.

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