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*\*Denotes Congregation Stands*

## **Introduction**

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.

**Prelude:**

*In Remembrance*

arr. J. Rasley

**Welcome & Announcements:** Joys and Concerns

**\*Opening Hymn:**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**ELW 656**

## GATHERING

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

### \*Greeting

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.**

### \*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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.

### **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.*

R: A reading from Exodus, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it

was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading:**

**Psalm 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

**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.*

R: A reading from Ephesians, the fourth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*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.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the

wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**\*Sermon Hymn:**            *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*            **ELW 461**

### **\*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 Intercession**

R: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

R: You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken us to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where we are divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

R: You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

R: You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

R: You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

R: You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

R: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### \*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### Special Music:

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

**R. Blanchard**

### Offering

#### \*Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

#### \*Great Thanksgiving

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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting  
life.

### **\*Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus 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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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**

### **\*Invitation to Communion**

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **Distribution of Communion**

*Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!".*

*Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*If you prefer gluten- free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let Pastor Tim know and he will offer a blessing.*

### **Communion Hymns:**

**ELW 481** *Come to the Table*

**ELW 487** *What Feast of Love*

**ELW 466** *In the Singing*

### **\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

**C:** Amen.

### **\*Prayer After Communion**

P: 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 go into the world, proclaiming your love for all.  
In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **\*Blessing**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:**      *Son of God, Eternal Savior*      **ELW 655**

### **\*Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**      *Rise Up and Serve the Lord*      arr. P. Harris

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**JESUS INVITES ALL WITH THESE WORDS:** “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35). Welcome to worship.

**THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN’S BOARD** will meet tomorrow, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

**THE THURSDAY 3:00 P.M. CHRIST CARE GROUP** will be starting a new topic on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. “THE JESUS YOU MAY NOT KNOW” is a 10 week study. To love and know Christ is the first great goal of life, and the second is to make Him known to others. That’s why we open our Bible to discover who He is and what He did, that’s why we open our mouth to praise and proclaim Him. The goal of the study is to become closer to Jesus. Anyone is welcome to join us. Questions contact Anida Miarer at 419-637-2922.

**TRINITY’S ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** will be held Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist, 204 N. Wayne St., Fremont. On the menu: Shredded Chicken, Sloppy Joes, Grilled Big Beef Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Spinach Salad, Pies, Beverages, and Toft’s Ice Cream. New this year is Drive-Thru Service. You may also eat under the tent. For questions please call 419-332-5032 or go online to [www.fremont-trinityumc.org](http://www.fremont-trinityumc.org).

**STUDENT SEND OFF** You’re invited to join us to celebrate young adults embarking on new adventures in college, near or far! The event is Thursday, August 5, at 6 pm at Reset Arcade, 27250 Crossroads Pkwy, Rossford, OH 43460. Visit with leaders from campus ministries at BGSU, UT, OSU, Terra State, Wright State, Capital University and Wittenburg University. Connect with fellow students and enjoy free pizza, arcade games, lawn games and fellowship. Families of students, current college students, youth exploring college options and local clergy are welcome as we bless the young people of our communities. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3eLNG3I>.

**BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-AWAY** - It's hard to believe that it's time to think about helping students get ready to head back to school. This year the school supplies will be handed out at the LIFT Block Party on Thursday, August 12 from 3-7 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. A fun evening is planned for all with food, bounce house, Car show, DJ and many other fun activities, culminating with outdoor drive-in worship at 7 pm at St. John's. You can find the 'shopping list' listed below and on the display table in the narthex, along with baskets in which you can place those supplies. As we 'Live In Faith Together' let us share our resources as we reach out to those in need. Let's get those baskets filled by Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> so we can get them packaged up in time for the Block Party.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES – DUE SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

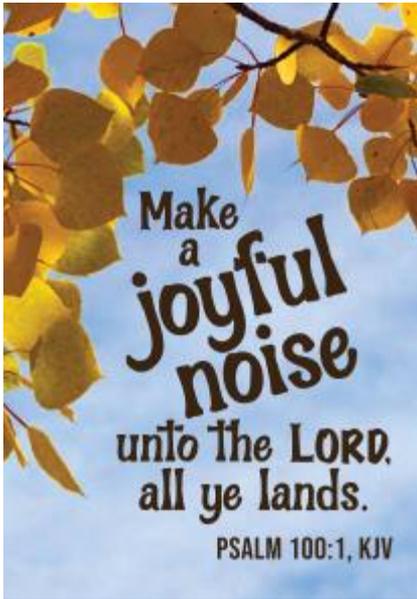
Crayons (box of 24)  
Pencils and Pens  
Glue/glue sticks  
Pocket folders  
Erasers  
Scissors  
Spiral notebooks  
Markers (regular and dry erase)  
Colored pencils  
Rulers (cm and inches)

**ASSISTING TODAY:**

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller  
Organist: Darla Brown  
Assisting: Stan Moyer  
& Jadlynne Moyer  
Special Music: Jadlynne Moyer  
Lector: Sandie Reed  
Acolyte: Reese Smith  
Comm. Assistants: Randy Brown  
& Sandie Reed  
Altar: Sally Sleek  
& Ginger Walker  
Counters: Barb Kocsis \*  
& Randy Brown

**ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:**

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller  
Organist: Parm Boyer  
Assisting: Darla Brown  
Special Music: Marilyn Ring  
& Parm Boyer  
Lector: Noelle Leutenegger  
Acolyte: Heath Norris  
Comm. Assistants: Randy Brown  
& Noelle Leutenegger  
Altar: Sally Sleek  
& Ginger Walker  
Counters: Alexis Schneider\*  
& Cheryl Durnwald



**FAITH CHOIRS OPEN TO ALL:**

*“When in Our Music God Is Glorified... and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!” (F.P. Green, ELW 850)*

**Faith’s Senior Choir** will begin soon for a new year of musical worship and fellowship. Please consider joining this fun and meaningful group of volunteer singers on **Wednesday, September 1st**, from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** for the first rehearsal. The choir meets in room #7 which is down the hall on the right, just past the central coat/media hall. Faith’s

Senior Choir leads in the hymn singing and presents an anthem for each 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, starting September 19th through May. Songs may be sung for additional services during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

**Faith’s Handbell Choir** invites all persons wishing to praise our God and Savior with the beautiful sounds of hand bells. Prior musical experience is helpful but not necessary to share your interest in heavy (and light) metal music with this fun and friendly group. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 8th**, in the Fellowship Hall and will run from **6:30-7:20 p.m.** This choir usually performs one anthem each month from October through May.

Join us as we begin a new season of musical worship! Please contact Darla Brown at 419.680.6717 or [rjdbrown@aol.com](mailto:rjdbrown@aol.com) if you have any questions and would like more information.

*“Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God give us faith to sing always; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!” (F.P. Green, ELW 850)*



**PRAYING DAILY**

**For healing and hope:** Bill & Pat Copley, Connie Diekman, Bob Fought, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Larry Leow, Nancy Mylander, Gary Overmyer, Stella Roberts, Sandy Schneider, Dorothy Swedersky, Janet Tressler, Carnetta Weber,

Norma Willey. Sister Bernadette & Family, Dorothy Grau, Cliff Harris, Linda Kiser, Deron Leutenegger, Terri Sattler, Diane Swartz, Pastor Bob Young.

**For our Military:** Troy Halfhill, Daniel Linder, Katie Olmstead, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

**For our Bishops:** Bishop Rev. Amon Kinyunyu, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

**For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania**

**And its pastor:** Pastor Peter Magasi

**FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – August 1 to August 8**

**Sunday**

Aug. 1-----9 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

**Monday**

Aug. 2-----8 a.m. Conversation & Prayer @ Frisch's  
10 a.m. Valley View Worship/Communion

**Tuesday**

Aug. 3-----

**Wed.**

Aug. 4-----

**Thurs.**

Aug. 5-----9-3 p.m. Fellowship & Sew Day  
3 p.m. Christ Care

**Friday**

Aug. 6-----

**Saturday**

Aug. 7-----

**Sunday**

Aug. 8-----9 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

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SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021: ATTENDANCE 109; OFFERING \$2,828.00  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: \$35,140.00

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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 1, 2021

### **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.