



This is the work of God, that you  
believe in him whom he has sent.

John 6:29

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**LBW** – green hymnal    **WOV** – blue hymnal

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:**

**C** Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

**P** **AND OF THE SON:**

**C** O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

**P** **AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

**All: AMEN!**

**OPENING SONG:** “Break Now the Bread of Life” (vv. 1-2) **LBW 235**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. *(Romans 8:5-6,26)*

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! *(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, 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, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” <sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner 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>eager 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 that belongs to your call — <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds 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 we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

**\*ALLELUIA**

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**\*GOSPEL**

John 6:22-35

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to

Capernaum, seeking 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, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking 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 to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing 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, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who 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 shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God.

**PULPIT HYMN:** ““Break Now the Bread of Life”    (vv. 3-4) **LBW 235**

## **SERMON: “THE FOOD GOD PROVIDES”**

**SONG:** “Now the Day Is Over”

**LBW 280**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Nicene Creed

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### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Mighty God, strengthen us as your Church, so we may obey your will. Keep all shepherds faithful to your Word, so they may speak your truth to the flocks to which you have sent them. Inspire the Church to a greater commitment to the mission of the Gospel in this land and around the world.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy Spirit, guide our church to the Pastor you have in mind for us. Help us to let You be in charge and guide us with your Word and the study of Scripture. Give us patience and trust in your wisdom. We also ask you to be at work in the thoughts and heart of the pastor you have in mind to draw that pastor to serve this congregation. Make us a mission congregation who will work with a new pastor to reach out to our town and with the love of Christ. Make us instruments of your saving work.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord God, you have made us stewards of your world, but only you can equip your people for ministry with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pour out upon us your many and varied gifts. By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to use them so our daily work and all we do may be to your honor and glory.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Lord God, you are our ever-present help in times of trouble. Surround with your protecting care all those whose duty requires them to face dangerous situations for the sake of others. Uphold our police and military, fire and rescue personnel, front-line responders, and others who need the shield of your strength. When the work which they must do is done, return them safely to their homes. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, you care tenderly for all who suffer the ailments of old age, illness or injury of the body, and wounds to the mind and spirit. Be present to all who have any need of your healing [especially ...]. Comfort them with your compassion as they wait upon you for their healing and health. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## **OFFERING**

### **WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts!

**C** We lift them up to the Lord!

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

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**P** When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

**C** Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

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

**C** Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

#### **CLOSING SONG: "Shalom"**

**WOV 724**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**Hosts:** Richard & Peggy Wince

**Offering Counters:** Angie Springborn and Chris Boyer

**Attendance Last Saturday, 7/24:22**

**Last Sunday, 7/25: 27**

Thank you to Steve Hintzsche, son of Harold & Alice Hintzsche for supplying guitar accompanist this Saturday evening.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Sarah Faivre 8/1

Andy Rasmussen 8/3

Cathy Krabbe 8/7

Sue Peterson 8/7

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Scott & Lori Schaben 8/3/13

Chuck & Donna Peterson 8/4/67

Tim & Dianna Wittwer 8/4/84

Carl & Nancy Rasmussen 8/5/78

Chris & Shannon Mitchell 8/5/06

Ken & Karen Benson 8/6/77

Bob & Lisa Coyle 8/7/82

### **SCHOOL KITS**

Please select and fill a school kits for a child. See the narthex for information.

### **FISHERS OF MEN**

Please be cautious of those who are **Phishing** for your money. See the narthex bulletin board for more information.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sunday 8/1: Join us after the service for coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 8/3: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 8/5: Food Truck Delivery, 8am.

Saturday 8/7: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/8: Worship Service, 9am.

## **PARISH CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Praise God! Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece had a PET scan recently and they have found no cancer.
- Onie Luepkes is now home.
- Pray for all who will be traveling to the NALC convocation in Corpus Christi, Tx., especially Pastor Phil, and our delegates, Louie Mielke, and Bob Coyle. Lisa Coyle will be attending as a visitor.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams including Lorraine Steinhorst and Jason Gorski.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are waiting for new Pastors, let us all be patient for the right one that You Lord, are sending.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.