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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost † August 1, 2021

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister
LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship ♦ WOV-With One Voice
* **Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

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.
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 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The 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."

⁴Then 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."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“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.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

PSALM 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the | clouds above
and opened the | doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon | them to eat
and giving them | grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels;
God provided for them | food enough.

²⁶**The Lord caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon | them like dust
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he
made captivity itself a
captive;

he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it

¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

¹⁵When 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.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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. ¹⁴We 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. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from 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.

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

* **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35** *(please stand as you are able)*

²⁴When 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.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Do 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."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

³⁰So 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? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then 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. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus 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."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW # 370 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 *(you may be seated)*

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

A brief silence.

A You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and

restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

A You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

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

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN LBW # 532 *How Great Thou Art*

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maggi Mohler in loving memory of John.

Rosebud

The rosebud this morning announces the birth of Tate William Meyer to Seth & Abby Meyer on Monday, July 19. Proud Grandparents Bill & Sharon Panning and Great Grandparents Ed & Betty Panning.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Juanita Clausen, Randy Gerken, Sue Kruse, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

BIBLE STUDY: Next weeks readings are: First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25--5:2, Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51. Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30 am in the adult Sunday school room. We discuss the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Some guiding questions are: what sticks out, what are you noticing, and what is challenging you in this text. We have a lot of fun and learn some, too! We would love for you to join us!

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

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| August 1: Acts 19:21-41 | August 5: Acts 20:17-38 |
| August 2: Acts 20:1-6 | August 6: Acts 21:1-16 |
| August 3: Acts 20:7-12 | August 7: Acts 21:17-26 |
| August 4: Acts 20:13-16 | |

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

CARING CORNER: For August, we would like to continue to highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. As many of us know, children are home from school and food budgets are tight. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

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| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Pudding/Jell-o Cups |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Soup | Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) | |
| Granola Bars | Canned Fruit and Vegetables | |

RELAY FOR LIFE OF HENRY COUNTY - August 28, 2021 - Henry Co. Fairgrounds Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk. There are Luminaria order forms at both entrances. If you want to donate to Team Julie in memory of Julie Mires or to others. Complete and return the form with \$10 per Luminaria to the church office or contact Lori Sharpe 419-966-1240.

Lutheran World Relief

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions for the different LWR kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). Please return items to the Caring Corner table by September 12, 2021. You may also donate money to cover shipping costs. If you have questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027.

ATTENTION: to all those interested in joining **choir**, we will have our first meeting and rehearsal on **Wednesday, August 18th at 7pm by the organ**. (Rehearsal times are subject to change)