



# PENTECOST 10

**July 28, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## Welcome Statement

*We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.*

*No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability – you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.*

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

## **PRELUDE**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness,”

arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

## Verse of the Day

[Read in Unison]

To God-whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine-to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen Ephesians 3:20-21 The Inclusive Bible

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

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

*[Silence is kept for reflection]*

**God, our provider, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

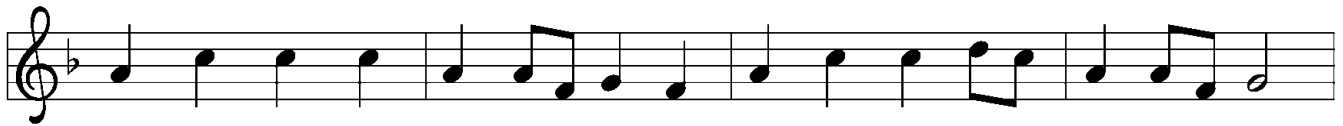
## GATHERING SONG – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## 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.**

## **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.*

A reading from 2 Kings:

<sup>42</sup> A 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." <sup>43</sup> But 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.'" <sup>44</sup> He 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 OF THE DAY: Psalm 145:10-18 (Read responsively)**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout  
all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon 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.*

A reading from Ephesians:

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

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (NOISY OFFERING- PARISH HOUSE)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

*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.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When 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?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>11</sup> Then 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. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they



gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When 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."

<sup>15</sup> When 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.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then 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 – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## **INSTALLATION OF VBS STAFF 2024**

The following people have volunteered to be staff in our Vacation Bible School program, Son Games.

Heidi Bowers, Angie Herek, Zach Hereza, Calvin Kadrofske, Brenda Kopf, Paige Lewis, John McCracken, Connie Nelson, Kalea Sanford, Peggy Falk, Jan Sollenberger, Mary Ann Scheuerman, Ramona Bachman, Pastor Allie Williams, Beverly Johnson, Daphne McGroth, Kaitlyn Hynes and Ryan Thompson.

## **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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

"The Lord is my Shepherd"  
Ryan (soloist) Addie (flute)

arr. Ryan and Addie Thompson

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves end with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.**

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

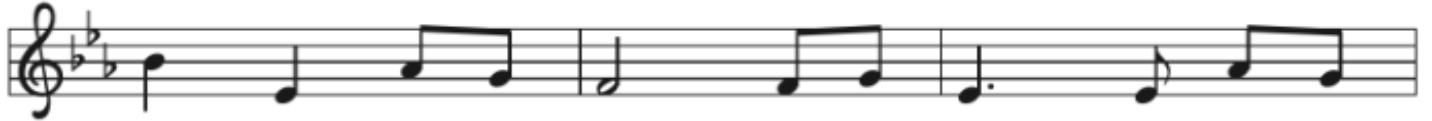
## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

# COMMUNION SONG – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

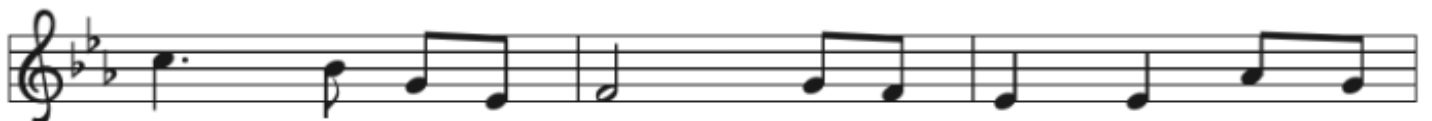


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,”

arr. Mark Sedio

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

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 love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Quarterly Congregational Meeting immediately following worship**

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## **FLC SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, July 28:**

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**
- Installation of VBS Staff

### **Monday, July 29:**

- Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon
- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 6:15 pm in Old Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, July 30:**

- Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon
- Bible Study @ 12:00 pm – Hybrid Call

### **Wednesday, July 31:**

- Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon
- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am

### **Thursday, August 1:**

- Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon
- Alzheimer's Care Support Group 7:00pm-8:30pm

### **Friday, August 2:**

- Vacation Bible School 9am-11:30am
- VBS Wrap Up @ 11:30a ... **All are welcome**

### **Sunday, August 4:**

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**
- VBS Presentation

**PRAYER PARTNERS**

We have received several cards and letters from other churches that are praying for us. We are also participating in this activity and would love for you to add your signature! The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled Prayer Partners, should you like to sign.

**FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

**July 28**

Greeter(s): Matt Schnizlein & Nick Hirschenberger  
Reader: Megan Nyquist  
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner  
Ushers: Jon & Elaine Harrison  
Altar Care: Cecelia Kramer  
Coffee Hour: The Thompson Family

**August 4**

Greeter(s): John & Ramona Backman  
Reader: Jamie Royalty  
Lay Assistant: Randy Royalty  
Usher: Tammy & Warren Heilman  
Altar Care: Brenda Kopf  
Coffee Hour: The Herek Family

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**For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service.**

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**Golf Outing – Wheatfield Valley Golf Club**

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am  
Questions? Contact: Laurie Hereza .....(517) 927-6753

Register <https://bit.ly/mrh2024>

## Lutheran World Relief

**LWR** continues to give aid to refugees and persons displaced by natural and human disasters. We are collecting items for School Kits during July and August.

### Each School Kit Contains

- Four spiral notebooks – 70 pages in each
- One ruler – with both inches and centimeters
- Five pencils – unsharpened with erasers
- Five ink pens – blue or black ink
- One eraser – flat pink
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of scissors – with blunt points
- One box of crayons – 16 or 24 count

See the display board and collection bin in the fellowship area.

### **Faith Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran is offering VBS "*Son Games*"**

**When:** Monday, July 29th to Friday August 2nd

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Who:** Ages 4 thru going into 6th grade

Best of all –It is FREE!

Come and celebrate the victory we have in Jesus!

If you had signed up last month online, please re-register.



Sign up to attend, using the QR code, by calling the church office, going to our website or e-news. (Held at Faith Lutheran-4515 Dobie Rd)

For questions, email Pastor Bruce at [pastorbruce@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:pastorbruce@faithlutheranokemos.org)

# COMMUNITY PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

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*A little something for everyone  
– queer and allies –  
not just church folk*

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Sat. Aug. 10 at 11am  
Central Park Pavilion  
5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos,  
MI 48864