

Zion Lutheran Church  
Sunday July 28, 2024 10:00 am  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by  
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear  
witness to God's love.*

**Congregation of the Montana Synod, E.L.C.A.**

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**Chancel Guild: Peggy H**

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Next Sunday, August 4, 2024

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

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Norman Unterseher, a Lay Pastoral Associate, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.

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*\*Indicates Congregation Stands When Comfortably Able*

**Introduction:**

*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.*

**Announcements:**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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 Hymn:** ELW Hymn #482 I Come With Joy

**\*Apostolic 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.**

**\*Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Page 204 in the front of the hymnal

**\*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** Pew Bible on page 340 in the Old Testament

*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.*

<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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 145:10-18**

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<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** Pew Bible page 185 in the New Testament

*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.*

<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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** page 205 in the front of hymnal

The Holy Gospel is from John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 6:1-21** Pew Bible page 92 in the New Testament

*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.*

<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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message:** Norman Unterseher, LPA

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW Hymn #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**\*Apostles' Creed:** Page 105 in the front of the ELW

**\*Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

**Offering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**Offering Prayer:**

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:**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy:** Page 207 in the front of the ELW

**\*Words of Institution:**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

**\*Invitation to Communion:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Communion Hymn:** ELW Page 208 Lamb of God  
ELW Hymn #515 Break Now the Bread of Life

**\*Communion Blessing:**

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

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 Hymn:** ELW Hymn #689 Praise and Thanksgiving

**\*Dismissal:**

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

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**We encourage you to sign the pew sheets when they are passed to you. The black folder is on the inside aisle. We use them for our record of communion, and numbers are reported the Synod office. They also alert us to visitors and new people attending, and you may use them to leave a message to the pastor.**

Prayers of the People Colossians 4:2  
“Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving”  
Prayers for all impacted by the Coronavirus, and for their caretakers.  
Prayers of Peace for Our Nation



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Food Bank:** There is always a need of nonperishable food such as peanut butter, cereals, mac and cheese, boxed mixes, canned fruit, veggies and soup. Also, sugar and flour. You can drop your donations directly at the Food Bank or into the shopping cart in the Narthex.

**Used Furniture Room:** Thank you to all who helped in our Used Furniture Room cleanup in July. We are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday except holiday weekends. We are always in need of household items — bedding, towels, pots and pans, silverware and of course mattresses and chests or shelving.

**Hand Towels-Lutheran World Relief:** ZLCW is collecting **dark colored hand** towels for the ELCA layette and personal care kits. A basket is in the narthex for the month of July for donations.

**Makoshika Worship:** We have four services left on the Hill. Our theme for August will be a closer study of The Lord’s Prayer. Thanks to Steve Merrill who sets everything up and provides music. Pastor Avis is doing the preaching in Makoshika this summer.

**Youth Director:** Youth and Education Committee has posted the position of part time Youth Director, 15-20 hours per month. Contact Megan Kubesh at 406-939-1006 for more information.

**Live Streaming:** Remember we have the live streaming of the Sunday 10 am service when you are out of town with vacation, sports, or other events. Please check it out.

**Prayer Chain:** Contact the church office at 406 377-3369 and leave a message or email [churchlady@zionlutheran.us](mailto:churchlady@zionlutheran.us) for prayer requests.

**Up Coming Events:**

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| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Makoshika Worship</b> |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship-Sanctuary</b> |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Scouts</b>            |

**Monday July 29, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Loaves & Fishes-Nancy S & Brian H**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Scouts**

**Tuesday July 30, 2024**

**Wednesday July 31, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Prayer Circle**

**Thursday August 1, 2024**

**6:30 a.m.**

**Men's Bible Study-YRI**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Worship**

**Friday August 2, 2024**

**Saturday August 3, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Furniture Room-Sheryl & Sharon**

**Sunday August 4, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Makoshika Worship**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Worship-Sanctuary**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Scouts**