

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Fred Will, Gary Smidt and Linda Amstuz.

Happy Birthday to Chris Cohen, Barb Detlefsen, Pat Mullin, Mikaela Froid, Orlan Grams, Melissa Klabunde, Jerzee Smidt, Marcia Fries, Nathan Martin, and Jan Marlatt.
Happy Anniversary to Gordon & Linda Amstuz—49 years and Dan & Ginger Frizane—55 years.

Pastoral Prayer

“**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Generous, merciful God,
you invite us to the heavenly feast,
promising to fill us with every good thing.
Bless these ordinary gifts of bread
and fruit of the vine,
that we may be kneaded and pressed
into one holy, living body,
in the name of Christ, who lived and died
and rose again. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music “One Bread, One Body”

Closing Song “I Am Yours (w/Take My Life)”

Sending Forth

Go into the world with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

August 1, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

1. Youth Lock-in (7th through 12th grade) will be held at 5:30 pm Tuesday, August 3 @ Fellowship hall. All youth are welcome to this particular program.
2. There will be a blessing of back-pack and the school year during the worship, August 8. It is significant to start a school year with prayer and blessing. Please bring all kids to the worship.
3. Christmas Child Boxes: Although we will not be packing and collecting the Christmas Child Boxes until November, school supplies on sale now. We always put a spiral notebook, pencils, colors or colored pencils and a pencil sharpener into each box. Now is a good time to purchase those items! If you want they can be stored in Sunday School Room 107.
4. Please bring Rummage Sale items to room 103 on the south side of the church. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$1,930. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

P: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.

L: Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."

P: We are hungry for eternal life.

L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.

Opening Prayer

God of forgiveness and new beginnings, you feed our hearts with compassion and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As Jesus fed the hungry crowds, knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven, fill us with your generous Spirit and make us one with Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs

"Here I am, Lord" UMH#593
"God You Reign"

Children's Time

Scriptures

John 6:24-35 (NIV)

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high,

he took many captives

and gave gifts to his people."

(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Hungry and Thirsty No More!" Pastor Peter Choi