



Palentine
Lutheran Church

August 4th, 2024

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

*=Stand as you are able **Bold Print** = congregation responds
ELW=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole

heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" ELW 561**

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1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

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

⁴ Then 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."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ The 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.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When 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.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 78:23-29

- ²³ So 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.
- ²⁵ So 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,
- ²⁷ raining 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.
- ²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

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

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore 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 mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until 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. ¹⁴ We 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. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴ When 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.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus 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. ²⁷ Do 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." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So 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?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then 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. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

REFLECTION HYMN: “As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with: 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff continues with: 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'. The fourth staff contains two verses: '1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,' and '2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'may we share the pres - ence of your love. all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ELW 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5; Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. public domain.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*APOSTLES 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**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Response: Merciful God,
 Receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into
your holy keeping.
 Amen.

***PEACE**

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

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread, so let your
church be gathered together from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus
Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

(LBW p. 110)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus
Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

—▶ *If you wish to kneel at the rail after accepting communion to pray, feel free to go up and then exit via the side aisles as normal.*

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

(Page 154)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

Text: African American spiritual; Music: African American spiritual; public domain.



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

“I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW 485

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- 1 "I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." **Refrain**

3 "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." **Refrain**

4 "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." **Refrain**

5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. **Refrain**

***TABLE BLESSING**

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

Amen

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW 836

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt. Public domain.



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

For streaming and printing:

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Those Serving in Today's Service

Pastor: Eric Klimpel

Accompanist: Brayden DeVries

Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre

Lector: Jan Rumbaugh

Technicians: Brent Emerson, Brayden DeVries, Megan Rowedder

This Week at Palestine

Today, August 4th, 2024 *11th Sunday of Pentecost*

8:00 a.m. Council Meeting

9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion

Tuesday, August 6th, 2024

10:00 Rock Creek Ankeny (Pastor)

1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (Pastor)

7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible study

Wednesday, August 7th, 2024

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 11th, 2024 *12th Sunday of Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Worship

Cookie Sunday

New Member Orientation

5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline in Huxley

Lectionary texts: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25—
5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry:

Sunday, July 28th, 2024:

General: \$2,873.00

Attendance: 67

Benevolence: \$25.00

THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in advance for your support.

Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
PO BOX 189
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**
Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.
4. Text **GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation
August 14th – August 21st.

During his absence you can
contact Tim Jacobsen @
Fjeldberg. 515-418-3328.

Prairie Fest 2024


Please make plans to join us for
Pie, Brownie & Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 23rd
from 5:30 – 8:00 pm!

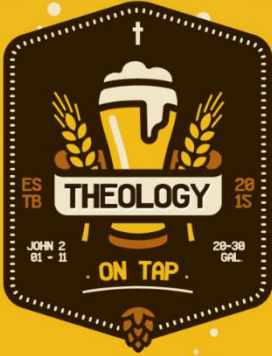
- Baked goods can be store bought or made from scratch!
- Drop off your donation at the church before 4pm on Friday, August 23 or bring to the tent at Prairie Fest after 5pm.



- Additional servers are also needed.
- There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for donations and servers or a link on the weekly announcements.
- Free-will donations from this event support church activities and outreach.
- This is one of the most popular ways Palestine reaches out to the community and your support is appreciated!

Join us Sunday, August 25th at 9 a.m. for a community worship service @ Railroad Park with the rain venue at the Safe Room in Huxley. ***Pastor Eric Klimpel*** will be the presiding preacher for this service.

PLEASE NOTE  There will be **NO** worship at Palestine on August 25th due to the community service.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

**Join us for Theology on Tap at
Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley
Sunday, August 11th 5:30 – 6:30.**



Palestine Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m.
in the conference room.**

For parents of incoming 7th and 8th grade confirmation students to discuss class, curriculum, expectations and events for the coming academic year. 9th grade parents are not included in this meeting.

Tentative date for confirmation classes to begin is Wednesday, September 6th.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Sunday, September 8th

Yes, after school begins this year!

Bring your backpack
or lunchbox with you
to worship. We will
bless the teachers and
students as well!

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ Jesus is truly present in the sacrament to forgive, strengthen and bless us, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

What Are You Longing For? (based on John 6)

In a world filled with seemingly endless options and an overload of information, it can be hard to know what we really want, and even harder to know what we actually need. As a society we are perhaps more mobile and more connected than ever. For those with a certain level of privilege, opportunities abound for careers, for education, for travel. Many of us own more stuff than we can reasonably use or even store in our homes. And yet, our collective mental health and overall well-being might be worse than ever. What are we missing? In a society of excess, what needs are going unfulfilled? What are we still longing for?

The crowds didn't seem to know what they were longing for either. They came to Jesus seeking more loaves of bread (a fair request!) but missed their deeper need: spiritual nourishment. They asked for the thing that could satisfy their hunger pangs, but almost missed out on the food that could transform not only their lives but the whole world. They almost settled for the "food that perishes" when they were being offered the Bread of life.

Jesus recognizes our hunger and offers himself as the ultimate nourishment for our deepest needs. Jesus is not fooled by our distractedness, our quick fixes, our tendency to gravitate toward things that will never truly satisfy. He seeks us out, offering his body for our sake— our ultimate sustenance, giving us all we need for the journey ahead.

The distractions in our world are many, so we need to be reoriented regularly to Christ's gift for us. We celebrate this gift each time we gather at the communion table to receive Christ himself: bread that fulfills our deepest longings for relationship with God and one another. Nourished with this gift of life, we, too, are sent forth as bread for a world in need.