

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 6, 2023
10th Sunday after Pentecost**



Thought:

We are called by Jesus to care and share compassion no matter what circumstances of life we might be facing. Often times, our heart understands when we care for others for, we know what they might be feeling.

Just as Isaiah urges the Israelites to rely on God for sustenance, so too the crowd gathered around Jesus are fed, their bellies and their hearts filled with God's grace.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: May the compassion and peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship

A: Have you come here thirsty?

C: Come, buy, and eat.

A: Have you come here hungry?

C: Come, buy, and eat.

A: Have you come here tired from labor?

C: Come, buy, and eat.

A: Though you have no money,

C: come, buy, and eat.

A: God provides all that is good.

C: We listen to our God, so that we may live.

(adapted from Isaiah 55:1-5)

Gathering Hymn – “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479

<https://youtu.be/DW6XosOFFlo>

by Resurrection Lutheran

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: “As I live,” says the Lord God, “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live.”

C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Our lord invites us to “come and eat.” How well do we heed that invitation? How well do we share?

Silence for meditation and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to you our sinfulness, and our helplessness to escape from it. We ignore the invitation of our grace, and labor in futility to earn what we can never merit, what only you provide. We beg your

mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.

P; Our Lord has compassion on us, and meets our every need. Jesus Christ was given to die for us;’ for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” ELW #510

https://youtu.be/QSR8Hgk_IDY
by Christ Brunelle

Prayer of the Day

A: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.

C: Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirst, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who ^l are bowed down.

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

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of ^lthose who fear you; you hear their ^lcry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you ^lshall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Epistle reading – Romans 9:1-5

To bring along the people of Israel in Christ

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the

patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Holy Gospel – Matthew 14: 1-12 and 13-21

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=OeAvT3vLIn0&feature=share>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Being fed in compassion that which everyone needs

14 At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus, ² and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴ because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ Though Herod^[a] wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” ⁹ The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried him; then they went and told Jesus.

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¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they

took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/taqNYksyGmM>

Message – “Compassion Even in our Pain”

<https://youtu.be/lrZ0MgLq5so>

Hymn of the Day – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712

<https://youtu.be/MIPIyM2Qz4k>

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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

P: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their

lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering and Offertory Music

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” ELW #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat


Refrain




You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Offertory Prayer

A: You bid us come to you for sustenance, O God –

C: “Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come buy and eat!”

A: You bid us come to you for salvation –

C: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.”

A: We have come, O God. We worship you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Bread of Life

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: true bread from heaven,

A: you have invited us to sit and eat –

C: to enjoy your goodness.

A: Keep us mindful that there are leftovers, O Christ –

C: basketful upon basketful.

A: May we share what you have given. We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “We All Are One in Mission” ELW #576

<https://youtu.be/w0AmVKrX6xg>

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Dismissal

A: Fed with the Bread of Life, we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

