

# 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA
Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sins, who's mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 

# GATHERING HYMN: "Open the eyes of my heart Lord"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy holy

Holy holy, holy holy holy, holy holy, I want to see You

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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**.

## 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 Elisha feeding a hundred people

PSALM: 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 Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Our God is an Awesome God" [chorus]
Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God!

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21 Christ feeding the five thousand

Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: L: In your mercy, C: hear our prayer

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "Give Thanks" CCLI #20285; Henry Smith, 1978 Integrity's Hosanna!

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,

"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]. Give thanks.

#### 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.** 

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "Thine is the Glory"

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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