

Jesus took
the loaves, and
when he had
given thanks, he
distributed them.

John 6:11



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Indoor Worship
Sunday, July 25, 2021

PRELUDE

“Prelude on Duke Street” by Lester Groom

PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made to remember baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. / **C) 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. / **C) Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. / *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God...

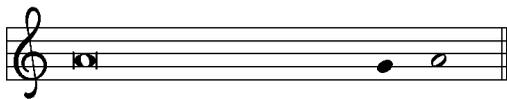
/ C)... we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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. / **C) Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ELW #641 / All Are Welcome (vs 1,3)

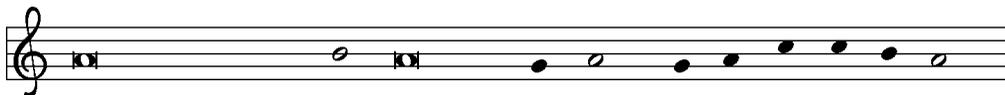
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



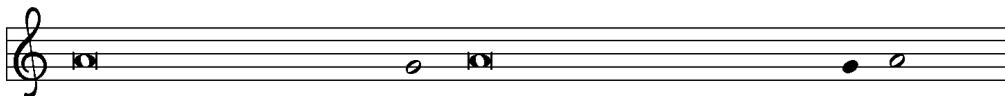
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-b-ove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



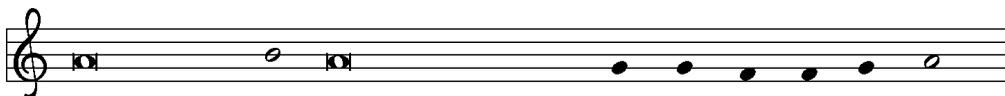
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. / **C) And also with you.**

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.

/ **C) Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pr. Wade Apel

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A 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." ⁴³But 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.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. / **C) Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:10-18 *(speak the Psalm responsively)*

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**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.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who 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 up-on you faithfully.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I 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, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. / **C) Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

/ C) Alleluia. Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

Response after the announcement: / C) Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When 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?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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." ¹⁵When 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. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down

to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Response after the reading: / C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

Pr. Wade Apel

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Over My Head" by John Bell-Adult Choir

THE MISSION

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

The Lord be with you. / **C) And also with you.** Let us pray:

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. / *A brief silence.*

..... Hear us, O God. / **C) Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **C) Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. / **C) And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #691 / Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life... / **C) 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father... / **C) 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.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. / **C) Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #545 / Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs 1,3)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune" arr. by Drummond Wolff

SERVANTS OF CHRIST IN OUR PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

HOSPITALIZED/RECOVERING

- **Tim Matthews**
- **Joe Thombleson**, Macy and Mitch Thombleson's grandfather
- **Ellen Pack**, friend of Joanne Powers and Vivian Matthews
- **John Carrington**, Chris Carron's friend

HEALTH CONCERNS

- **Deb Jones**
- **Mike Dooley**
- **Abby Vesga**
- **Nick Hart**, Martha Helm's nephew
- **Randy Gillespie**, Lois Gillespie's son, Lori Allen's brother
- **Allison Shaw**, Michelle Cohron's friend, pregnancy challenges
- **Stephanie Hoskins**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **David Daniels**, Lauren Daniel's father-in-law
- **Raymond L**, Cindy Stone's friend, hospice
- **Mary Jo Miller**, Pat Bueltmann's cousin
- **Michael Staudinger**, the Carrons' nephew
- **Kathleen (KC) Dieck**, Pat Bueltmann's sister
- **Lois Hammitt**, Jana Stoltenberg's friend
- **Carol Heck**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Susan Rowland**, Nancy Goodsmann's sister-in-law
- **Mary Kingman**, Dave & Jackie Wright's friend
- **Mary Lu Williams**, Deb Jones' friend
- **Linda Hoss**, friend of the Gillespies & Allens
- **Sally Miksch**, George & Pat Bueltmann's daughter

SURGERY - RECOVERING/AWAITING

- **Judy Anderson**, recovering from July 13 surgery
- **Galinton Bryan**, recovering
- **Nick Walton**, Dave & Jackie Wright's grandson
- **Dana**, Kathy Bender's daughter

FACING DIFFICULTIES

- **Mike and Linda Dooley**, grieving the loss of Mike's mother
- **An end to violence on the east side of Indianapolis**
- **Pastor Maritel and others**, developing a startup congregation in Indianapolis for immigrants from Haiti
- **Aaron**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Faith Stern**, George Bueltmann's sister

RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENT

- **Carin Blodgett**
- **Diana Springer**, Dave and Jackie Wrights friend
- **Aron Brown**, Joanne Van Buskirk's family
- **Shelle**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Charlotte Bueltmann**, Bueltmann's SIL
- **Loie Conrad**, Kristin Wolfred's sister
- **Tawnia Lynch**, Jim Langsford's niece
- **Linda**, Cindy Stone's friend
- **Ron Williams**, Judy Anderson's cousin
- **Jessica Brice**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Kristine**, Sharilyn Wendt's cousin
- **Charity Ellsworth**, Bueltmann's friend
- **Terry Conrad**, Deb Jones' cousin
- **Theresa Trout**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Terri**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Bruce Martin**, Deb Jones' friend
- **Janet**, friend of Bill & Jana Stoltenberg

DEATHS

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PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Marco Alejos, Nicholas Amodeo, AJ Beckwith, Abigail Buelmann, August Buelmann, Josiah Freemyer, Joshua Goodsman, Bryan Oren, Ronnie Pierson, Garrett Shaw, Tim Thombleson, Parker Ward, Zachary Williams



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Our Office Staff - Vivian Matthews & Jill Larson

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Deaconess - Diane Marten

Our Missionaries - Bill & Becky Graves,
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Jana Stoltenberg, Vice President;

George Bueltmann, Treasurer;

Lori Allen, Secretary;

Judy Anderson, Tisha Nagel, Galinton Bryan,

Crystal Kindinger, Alan Shoaf, & John Sponset

Following Christ, Sharing Hope, Loving All.

PLEASE JOIN US ...

- **For Worship ...**

We pray that our worship together will send you into your week more hopeful and ready to serve in the various callings that God has given you. We pray that God will speak to you through the Scriptures today and that you might respond by recognizing Christ at the center of your life. We invite you to join us in praising God through one of our many musical groups.

- **For Growing in Christ ...**

There are many opportunities to grow in Christ by participating in our congregation, in groups that include (for elementary-age children), Sunday School, Adult Bible study, and mission groups and committees for outreach, service, Christian education, and fellowship.

- **For Life Together ...**

Servants of Christ is a unique congregation. Our motto is: **Word-grounded / Christ-centered / Mission-minded**. We live out our lives as disciples in relationship to Jesus Christ and to one another as a caring, active body of believers. If you are looking for a church home, please consider becoming a part of our Christian family. SOC is a vibrant, mission-minded congregation; and we welcome you to become part of life of praise, fellowship, growth, and service. Speak with the Pastor or call the church for more information.

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