

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

JESUS FEEDS



5,000

First Lutheran
Church

Tiffin, Ohio

July 28, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from the 6th chapter of St. John. The first four of these readings 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

GORDON YOUNG

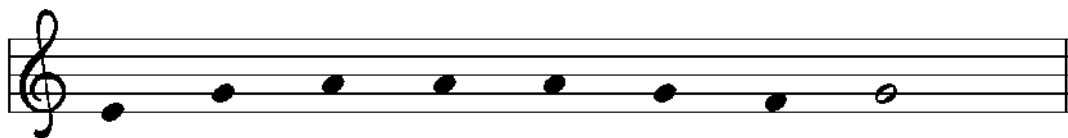
Prelude in Classic Style

Please stand.

THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE CONFESSION

L: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

C: God is among us!

L: Together we are called:

C: To go out!

L: We are called:

C: To care for all!

L: We are called:

C: To proclaim the gospel!

L: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

L: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart.

A time of silence and reflection.

P: 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.

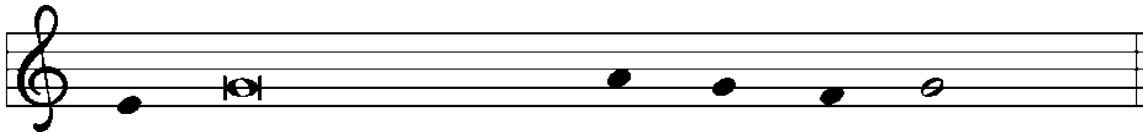
P: Hear the Good News!

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 Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May the Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

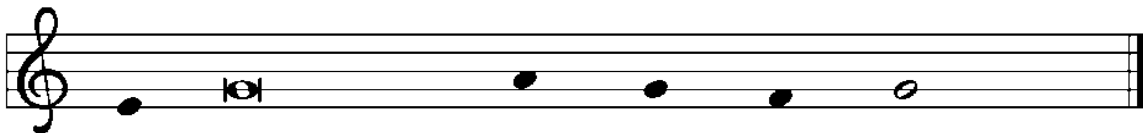
C: Amen.

THE PSALMODY

Introduction

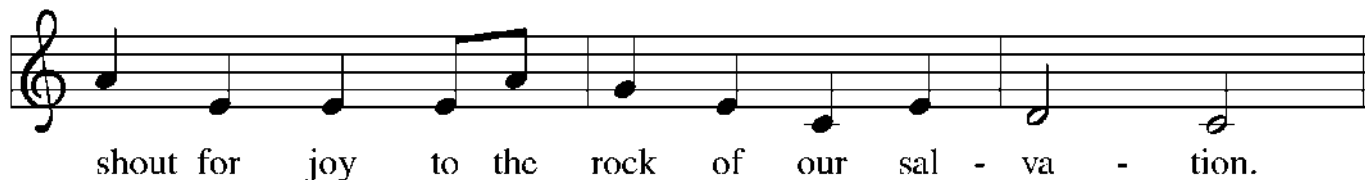
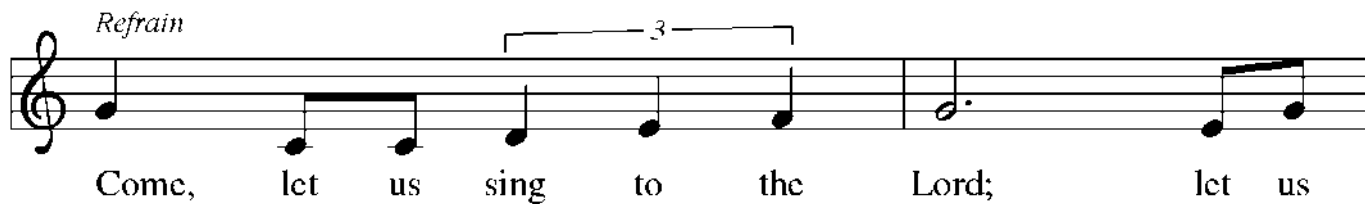


Give glory to God, our light and our life.

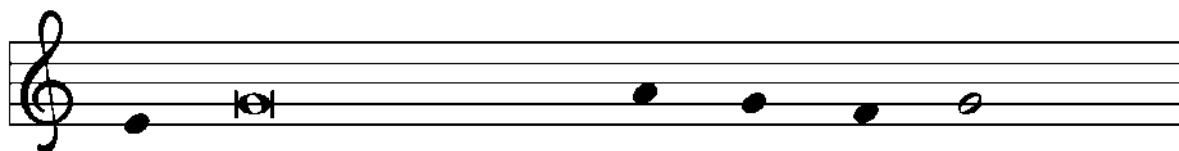


Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

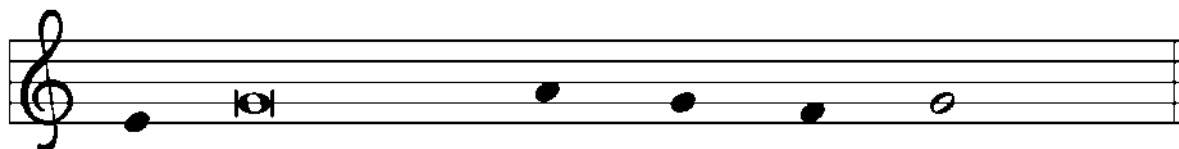
Verses will be sung by our Cantor.



Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM 2 KINGS

4:42-44

R: A reading from 2 Kings the 4th chapter.

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

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

3:14-21

R: A reading from Ephesians the 3rd chapter.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I 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, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-21

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.



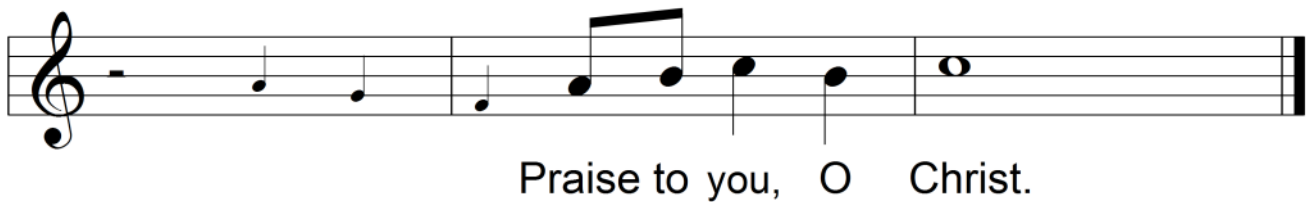
Glo - ry to you, O___ Lord.

P: ¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When 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?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸

One 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?" ¹⁰ Jesus 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. ¹¹ Then 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. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹

⁴ When 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.” ¹⁵ When 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. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

515

BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

Then 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.



John 6:11, NRSV

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

250

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

MEDITATION & OFFERING

LINSTEAD

JOHN A. BEHNKE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

OFFERING HYMN

674

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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You are invited to kneel, or remain seated as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray.

L: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you:

For the sustaining goodness of your creation...

For the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

For the gifts of relationship with others...

For the communion of faith in your church...

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray:

For those who govern nations of the world...

For the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...

For all who work for peace and international harmony...

For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...

For the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity, In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

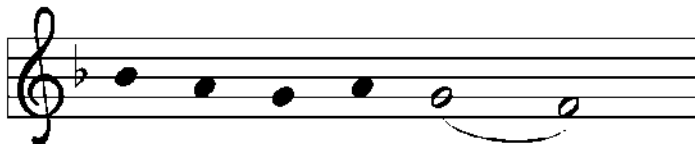
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

THE BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you
to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and
beloved, free to serve your neighbor.

May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may
be a blessing to others.



A - men

Please stand.

SENDING SONG

547

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace!

L: Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

THE ASH GROVE

DAVID M. CHERWIEN

Triptych on THE ASH GROVE

III. Toccata

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor: Elijah Shiley

Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey

Host: ???

Reader: Amy Mills

Slide Show Operator: Andrew Bailey

Worship Assistant: ???



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This Week's Calendar

Sunday

July 28

10:00 am Worship on The 10th Sunday
of Pentecost
11:15 am Special Congregational
Meeting

Wednesday

July 31

6:30 pm Worship & Music

Next Sunday

August 4

10:00 am Worship on The 11th Sunday
of Pentecost
11:30 am First @ Lunch.
This month we are gathering at
the Deli.

Speical Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called to discuss approving monies needed for replacing the Fellowship Hall roof, pavement of the parking lot and fixing of the air conditioner on July 28, at 11:15 a.m. after worship.



Handicap Parking

The handicap parking on the south side of the building have deteriorated making it difficult for members using walkers and wheelchairs to enter the building. We have a very generous church member who is willing to donate \$5,000.00 towards the project. We would like to challenge the congregation to match the donated funds. Cost for the south side is \$7,800 to repave all away across the driveway and \$4,536.00 to pave halfway across the drive. The handicap parking spots on the North side of the building are uneven. There are spots that are sinking, causing unsafe walking conditions. The cost for this project is \$6,875.00

Anyone interested in making a donation may contact the office or place it in the offering plate marked PAVEMENT.

Gospel Muic



Gospel Singing in the Park

July 28th

1:00 pm

Hedges Boyer Park-The Barn
491 Coe St.
Tiffin, Ohio 44883
*Bring your own lawn chair.

For more information call TGMA (419) 934-5456

Cookies

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



First at Lunch

First @ Lunch is BACK! We're excited to revive a congregational favorite on **Sunday August 4th** directly following worship. This month, by request, we'll be gathering at The Deli at Frost Village (155 Frost Pkwy) at approximately 11:30 for anyone who wants to join in on fellowship and good food. We hope to make this a monthly event by visiting a different local restaurant on the first Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join in as you are able/available. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Lodermeier or Jeannette Conley."

Please Note

Pastor Bailey will be out of the office on Monday, July 29 to attend a college tour with Andrew. Pastor will be back in the office on Tuesday.



Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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