

August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST LESSON. Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 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." 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." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" 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. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "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.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 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. 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."

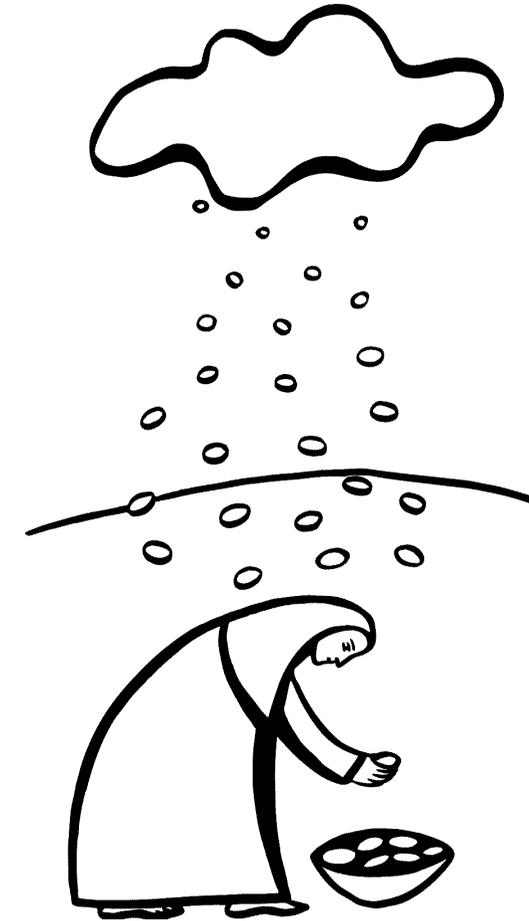
SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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. 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. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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.

GOSPEL. John 6:24-35

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

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Online
Giving
(QR Code)



Is it snow that is coming down from Heaven today? Today the Israelites receive a strange gift – the gift of manna in the wilderness, raining from Heaven. How does God provide manna in our lives in unexpected ways?

Prelude

Announcements

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: God and Father of all,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Kyrie**

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***The Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834 (v.1 & 3)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
1:00 p.m. **FLY 57 to Skyzone in Fargo!**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. High School Senior FLY Saints & Supper (Red Hawks Game)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA

Thursday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pr. Jennifer– KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr Bible Study & Coffee
5:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion

Friday: **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Next Sunday, August 9

**10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship at Pebble Lake Picnic Shelter
NOTE TIME AND LOCATION

(This will replace our regularly scheduled worship at First Lutheran Church)

Senior Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor: Jennifer Rose
Part-time Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Larson
Council President: Lisa Wolfe
Organist: Keith Melberg
Sacristan: Carolyn Sund
Cantor: Madisen Hinsverk
Communion Assistants: Anthony & Joyce Perez
Ushers: Sean & Anne Taylor, Rod & Marilyn Berg
Acolyte: Brandon Hinsverk, Cole Knudson
Lector: Linda West

Coffee and Refreshments: Join us for coffee and goodies in the Narthex this morning, Our Quilters are serving.

Altar Flowers are given by Bonnie Bartsch in memory of her parents, Harold & Sophia Beckman.

Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy for worship, please ask an usher.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) EVENTS

Monday, August 3 – 5:30 p.m. "Creation's Wonders"

Meet at FL parking lot (upper level) at 5:15 to car pool to Bluebird Gardens. Mark Boen will be our tour guide at 5:30. This will be a very educational and fun evening. Sign-up sheet on Info Counter. We could have supper together when we get back into town?

Wednesday, Aug 26 we will travel by Coach to the "Greatest Musical Show in the Northwest" at the Woodtick Theater at Akeley, MN to enjoy an afternoon of all kinds of music.

Leave FL parking lot (lower level) 8 a.m. Lunch in Park Rapids. Show at 3 p.m. Supper at the Brauhaus (German Restaurant) on #34 – Cost is \$20 for the meal. Return to FF 9:00 p.m. Coach sponsored by FL Foundation—Lunch on your own. Show \$20—pay by check to First Lutheran Owls when you sign up before August 20. **Total cost is \$40 PER PERSON.** Sign-up sheet on Info Counter. We have 30 tickets. Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke

Monday, September 14 –to Prospect House (Civil War Museum) in Battle Lake

Leave FL parking lot (lower level) 10 a.m. We'll car pool to Battle Lake for 10:30 tour by Jay Johnson. More information on Kiosk or www.prospecthousemuseum.org. Admission is \$5—Write check to Prospect House when you sign up at Info Counter. Lunch in Battle Lake after tour.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

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.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

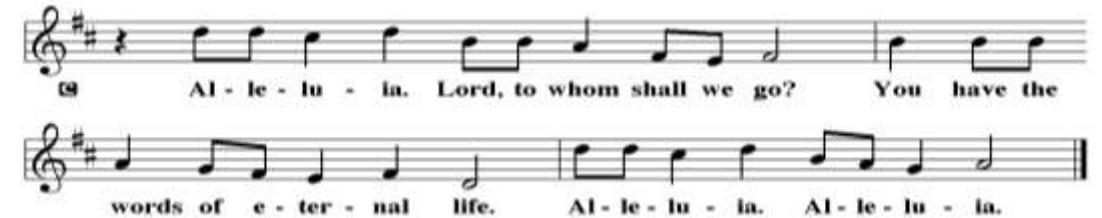
Second Lesson

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.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

***Gospel Acclamation**



(Congregation responds after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

John 6:24-35

(Congregation responds after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Snow in August?

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn of the Day

O Living Bread From Heaven

ELW 542

***The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

***The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy, **OR**

C **hear our prayer.**

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal- va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***The Great Thanksgiving
 Words of Institution**

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The Lord's Prayer

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns during Communion:

ELW 789, 781

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post Communion Hymn**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 204

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
 Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with
 shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Prayer, Benediction, & Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

***Postlude**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Followed by

POTLUCK PICNIC



SUNDAY, August 9th, 2015 10 a.m.

PEBBLE LAKE PICNIC SHELTER

(Old Gun Club North of Golf Course)

HOT DOGS, BUN AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE