

July 26, 2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST LESSON. 2 Kings 4:42–44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to 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." 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.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 3:14–21

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

GOSPEL. John 6:1–21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 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?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 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. 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. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 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." 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. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 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. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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How did Jesus do it? He fed all of those people with 5 loaves of bread and two fish? And they had leftovers? It is an amazing miracle story, and yet it helps us to think of the bread of life that Jesus offers us each day and the ways in which Jesus feeds us. Today we gather to receive the Word of God and the Bread of Life and we are sent to share that blessing with the world.

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**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Kyrie**

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***The Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

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This Week at First Lutheran:

- Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
- Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
9:30-1:30 p.m. **FLY K4 Zoo Adventure @ Chahinkapa Zoo**
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
- Thursday: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pr. Saul– KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr Bible Study & Coffee
5:30 pm **Worship/Holy Communion**
- Friday: **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Next Sunday, August 2

9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

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:	Diane Boen
Communion Assistants:	Rodney Berg, Carmon Jackson
Ushers:	Paul & Cathy Neuman, Logan & Jasmine Sonmor
Acolyte:	Madeline Trosvig
Lector:	Marilyn Berg

Coffee and Refreshments: Join us for coffee and goodies in the Narthex this morning, Laurie Whitehead is serving.

Altar Flowers are given by Ken & Marilyn Rose in celebration of her 80th birthday on July 20th.

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. Return to FF 9:00 p.m. Coach sponsored by FL Foundation—Meals on your own. Show \$20—pay by check to First Lutheran Owls when you sign up before August 20. 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

2 Kings 4:42–44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

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

Special Music

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Ernest Sands

Everett Jacobson

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14–21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



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

***Gospel**

John 6:1–21

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

Sermon

The Pot Luck that Never Ends

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn of the Day

O Bread of Life From Heaven

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***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**

Steal Away
Everett Jacobson

Spiritual

***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 502, 492

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post Communion Hymn**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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***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