

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



Feeding of 5,000 by Eric Feather
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Season after Pentecost July 25, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Organ Piece in G Major

Knecht
Jon Lackey, solo piano

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *from the Font*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection

P God, our provider,

C **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to go around; enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at
your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished,
and there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, God's mercy is
made clear: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

ELW #533 vs 1&2



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P Let us pray together:

C **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.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

Kathleen Keyes

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.

For 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with notes and rests. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written. The second staff is identical to the first, with the same melody and lyrics.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Jesus 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

ELW #729 vs 1, 3 & 5

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

PRAYERS

Chris Kindem

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

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

A 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern.

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray.
C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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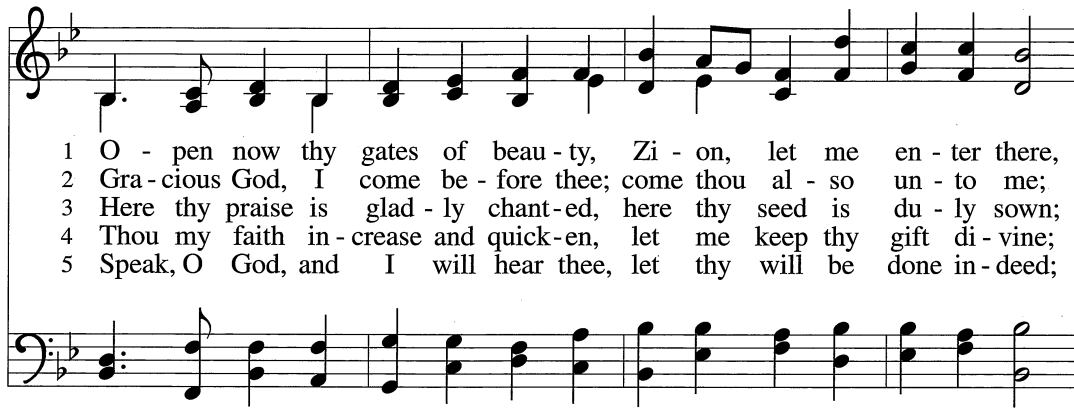
BLESSING

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

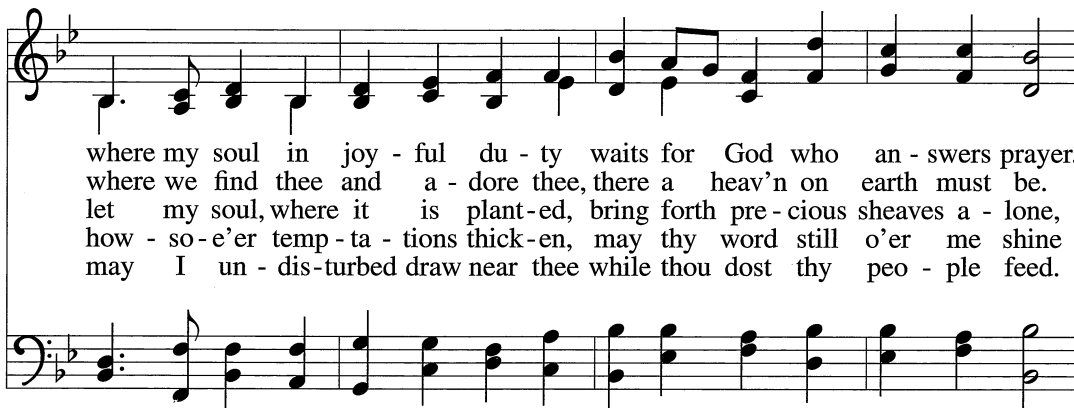
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Open Now the Gates of Beauty

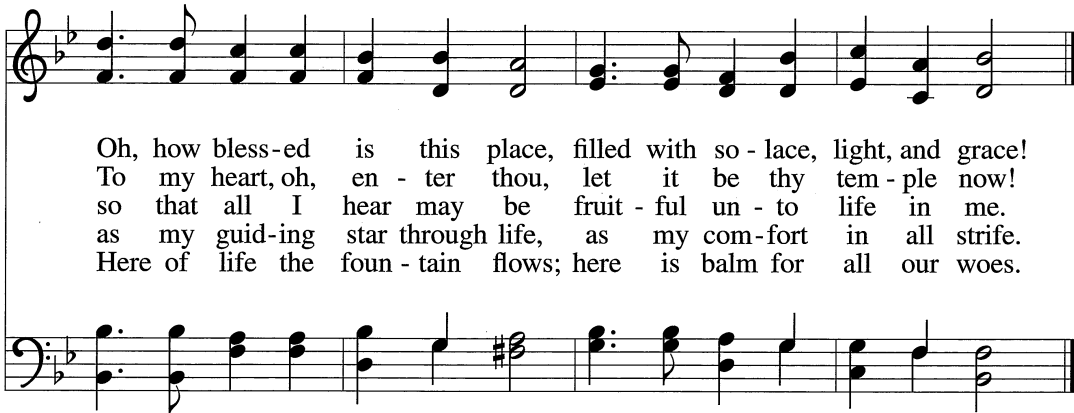
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P Go in peace, You are the body of Christ

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Nardini
Jon Lackey, solo piano



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IN PERSON WORSHIP RETURNS BEGINNING AUGUST 29 @ 10:30am

Sunday, August 29, marks our first in-person worship service and preparations are underway for preparing the building to once again welcome people. Stay tuned for opportunities to lend your time and effort to the list of necessary tasks. Originally, we announced that this service would begin @ 9:30am. That has changed. Worship on August 29 and subsequent Sundays will begin @ 10:30am. This will allow extra time for check in procedures and safety protocols to be implemented. We will be asking people to REGISTER IN ADVANCE to attend the service and will be limiting the number of attendees that first Sunday. Look for additional information coming to you soon from the Safe Opening Task Force.

PATIO MEET-UPS Ping pong, sidewalk chalk, campfire, stories, outdoor games, and friends. Join other Peace families, all ages, on the patio for an opportunity to play and talk. I have chosen different days and times each week as a way to fit it into different summer schedules. Next up: Today, Sunday, July 25, 7-9pm

PASTOR ERIK IS ON VACATION JULY 26 THROUGH AUGUST 16. Pastor Paul Winterstein will be available for emergency pastoral care from July 26-31; Pastor Chelsea Globe will be available for emergency pastoral care from August 1-16. Contact information is available from Kathleen Keyes.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND WORD IN SEASON for July, August, September are now available. If you would like one, you can come to the church to pick it up, or you can contact Kathleen in the church office, and she will mail it to you.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

CONTRIBUTORS TO TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher & Presider: Rev. Erik P. Kindem

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Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist James Jelasic

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