

*Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 17*

**Sunday, July 26, 2009**

*With One Voice: Setting Five*

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## INTRODUCTION

*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.*

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## GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "How Firm A Foundation"

## The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins*

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Sisters and brothers,  
bear with one another in love,  
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,  
and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,  
but instead expose them.

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy and gracious God,  
**we confess that we have not led a life  
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not acted according to your will.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
Have mercy on us.  
Forgive us according to the riches of your grace.  
Make us holy and blameless before you in love,  
so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.  
You who once were far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his command and 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.  
**Amen.**

## The GATHERING HYMN

**“Word of God, come down on earth”**

**WOV 716**

The GREETING

*The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:*

The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son,  
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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*The assembly is seated*

**WORD**

The FIRST READING

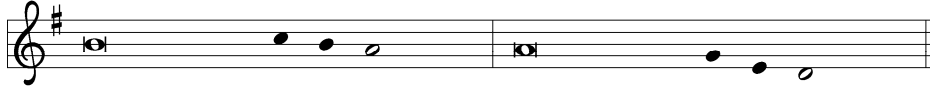
2 Kings 4:42–44

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

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Evangelical Lutheran Worship tone 2



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- <sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- <sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**
- <sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**  
**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in | all your works. Refrain**
- <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- <sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- <sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**
- <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully. **Refrain**

## The SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14–21

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

<sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God.

*The assembly stands*

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

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

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

*Silence for reflection*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

The HYMN OF THE DAY

**"You satisfy the hungry heart"**

**WOV 711**

The CREED

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The PRAYERS & PEACE

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*The assembly is seated*

### MEAL

The OFFERING: "Here Is Bread"

The assembly stands

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet  
Vamos todos al banquete

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el con qué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Right column)

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The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated*

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the rail. Please kneel as you are able** Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

**“Let us talents and tongues employ”**  
**“I am the Bread of Life”**

**WOV 754**  
**WOV 702**

*The assembly stands.*

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

Let us pray... Gracious God, in this meal  
you have rained down the true bread from heaven,  
the body and blood of your beloved Son.  
So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

The BLESSING

The SENDING HYMN

**“Blessed assurance”**

**WOV 699**

The SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The SENDING MUSIC: “We Praise Thee”

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Assisting Minister

Lector

Ushers:

Altar Guild:

*Marcia Wherley*

*Sam D. Seward, Glen Lautenschleger, Bob Snyder*

*Brenda Bitikofer, Susan Samsa, Alyce Snyder*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**—Judy Himes, Steve Hite (brother of Carol Himes), Larry Nicsinger, Louie McGrath, and all nursing home residents.



### Strasburg-Beach City Shared Ministry

The Shared Ministry Task Force has developed some Frequently Asked Questions regarding our future partnership.

*at will be the Sunday Schedule?*

#### Beach City

9am

Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays); Service of the Word (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

10:15am

Christian Education

#### Strasburg

9:15am

Christian Education

10:30am

Holy Communion

*When will this new schedule begin?*

Sunday, September 6

*Will Pr. Steven have certain days dedicated to ministry in one place over the other?*

No. All ministry activities (visitation, pastoral care, Christian Education, etc.) is going to be assimilated together. For example, if 2 parishioners were located in one hospital Pr. Steven would visit both at the same time. To designate only certain days to a certain congregation would not be productive or beneficial. The same applies to visitation.

*Will Pr. Steven have two offices?*

No. Pr. Steven's main office is going to remain in Strasburg. However, he will gladly meet with Beach City folks at Beach City whenever the need arises and he will stop in at Beach City to check messages, etc. on a regular basis.

*What benefits will this partnership bring?*

The first benefit will be a full-time pastor for both congregations.

The second benefit would be worship. If you need to get to Bob Evans, Rosalie's, or the IHOP before the Sunday morning rush, you may attend the 9am liturgy at Beach City. If you want to sleep in on Sunday, you may attend the 10:30am liturgy at Strasburg. The sermon will be the same at both locations, although Pr. Steven can't guarantee how awake he is at the early service! ☺ The third benefit is our united Christian witness in this area. Throughout the Church year there will be opportunities for joint worship, Christian Education, other ministries. The first of these joint liturgies will be **Sunday, August 30, 9:30am** at Beach City to honor Pr. David Craig for his years of service there.

*Why is Pr. Craig leaving?*

The Task Force, as well as the Beach City congregation, has heard from Pr. Craig his reasons to retire. This question is best answered by Pr. Craig directly.

*Is this a merger of our congregations?*

No! Both congregations will retain their current staffing (organists, secretaries, etc.). The bulletins will continue to be produced separately in both congregations. Both facilities will be kept and maintained.

*Can Beach City afford Pr. Steven?*

Yes. The Finance leaders of both congregations worked out the salary package for Pr. Steven that will allow him to serve full-time and won't "break the bank" of either congregation.

*Are these changes set in stone?*

No. As the Holy Spirit is at work in this, it opens both congregations up to some flexibility. Over fifty years has passed since these congregations worked together. It will take a little time to get to know each other (again). The Task Force feels these changes are not drastic or extreme. This model of partnership with congregations is becoming more common among ELCA congregations as well as other mainline Christian denominations.

Serving with You,

The Strasburg-Beach City Shared Ministry Task Force

Beach City: Ann Shetler, Richard Slayman, Wanda Baltzly

Strasburg: Pr. Steven, Floyd Everhart, Lynnea Thomas

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Debbie Larson and Marcia Wright in memory of our parents, Paul & Esther Olinger and husbands, Chuck and Rocky.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Linda Weber (with money taken from his billfold) in honor of Donnie's birthday today – Gotcha!



### **LBW HYMNALS**

We are replacing the green LBW hymnal with the new red ELW hymnals. If you have purchased a green LBW hymnal in honor or memory of someone in the past, you are welcome to now take them home.



**Strasburg Corn Fest Community Worship Service** - The Strasburg churches again will come together in worship, fellowship and praise at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strasburg Corn Fest Community Worship service on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 6pm at the pavilion in the Strasburg-Franklin Park.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 7/26—8/2)**

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| Sunday    | <b><u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 17</u></b><br>9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)<br>6 PM—Cornfest Community Worship (Franklin Park) |
| Monday    | 7 PM—Strasburg-Beach City Shared Ministry Task Force (Lounge)   |
| Tuesday   | No Scheduled Activities   |
| Wednesday | No Scheduled Activities   |
| Thursday  | No Scheduled Activities   |
| Friday    | No Scheduled Activities   |
| Saturday  | No Scheduled activities   |
| Sunday    | <b><u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 18</u></b><br>9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  |

*Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week*

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Sunday    | Worship |
| Monday    | 6-9     |
| Tuesday   | 9-5     |
| Wednesday | 9-5     |
| Thursday  | 9-5     |
| Friday    | OFF     |
| Saturday  | OFF     |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***