



Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 18

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Three

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INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "Upon Thy Table, Lord" "Holy Manna"

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

"Guide me ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 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

Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The 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."

⁴Then 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. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²I 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.'

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When 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.

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY

Psalms 78:23–29

God rained down man - na from heav - en;

so mor - tals ate the bread of an - gels

- ²³So God commanded the | clouds above
and opened the | doors of heaven,
²⁴**raining down manna upon | them to eat
and giving them | grain from heaven. Refrain**
²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels;
God provided for them | food enough.
²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**
²⁷raining down flesh upon | them like dust
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,
²⁸**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved. *Refrain*

The SECOND READING

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, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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. ¹⁴We 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. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love,

we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from 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.

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 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Do 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." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So 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?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then 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. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus 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.

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

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING: “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

The assembly stands

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.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God...*The prayer continues*

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



The prayer continues and concludes...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

**"Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
"I received the living God"**

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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

“The Church’s one foundation”

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The SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The SENDING MUSIC: “Allegro”

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PRAYER CONCERNS—Robert Shetler, Judy Himes, Steve Hite (brother of Carol Himes), and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Floyd Everhart in memory of loved ones.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Floyd Everhart in honor of granddaughter Ashley's birthday today.



Strasburg-Beach City Shared Ministry

Pr. David Craig will be retiring from First, Beach City at the end of August. As recognition for his 3 years of service and to celebrate our joint partnership there will be a joint liturgy **Sunday, August 30, 9:30am at Beach City**. Pr. Craig will be preaching and Pr. Steven will preside. A celebration luncheon will be held after worship in the Social Hall at **Strasburg**. The use of the two locations will accommodate seating as well as our partnership in ministry and mission.



A Special Message from Mr. Spock!!

Pr. Steven got a new phone as a birthday gift. It's the latest in technology that makes him feel like a crew member of the Starship *Enterprise*. To synchronize his calendar appointments and contacts into his new toy he needed to change his email. Pr. Steven's new email is revrevwoyen@gmail.com Please update your records accordingly. Live long and prosper.



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Churchwide Assembly Report—The Pre-Assembly Report to all Congregations detailing the upcoming Churchwide Assembly is available in the Narthex for your review. Pr. Steven is a voting member for the Churchwide Assembly and would really appreciate your input for the upcoming Assembly.

Some of the topics up for consideration:

- Full Communion with the United Methodist Church
- Increased funding for HIV and AIDS Mission in Africa
- Proposed Social Statement on Justice for Women
- Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality



Senior Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00PM in the Choir Room. We would love to have some new voices join our established choir, so please join us.



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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 8/2—8/9)

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| Sunday | <u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 18</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Tuesday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Wednesday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Thursday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled activities |
| Sunday | <u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 19</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |

Pastor Steven is on vacation this week. Pastor Steve Patrick from Emmanuel, New Philadelphia will be available for any pastoral emergencies (330) 364-7571.