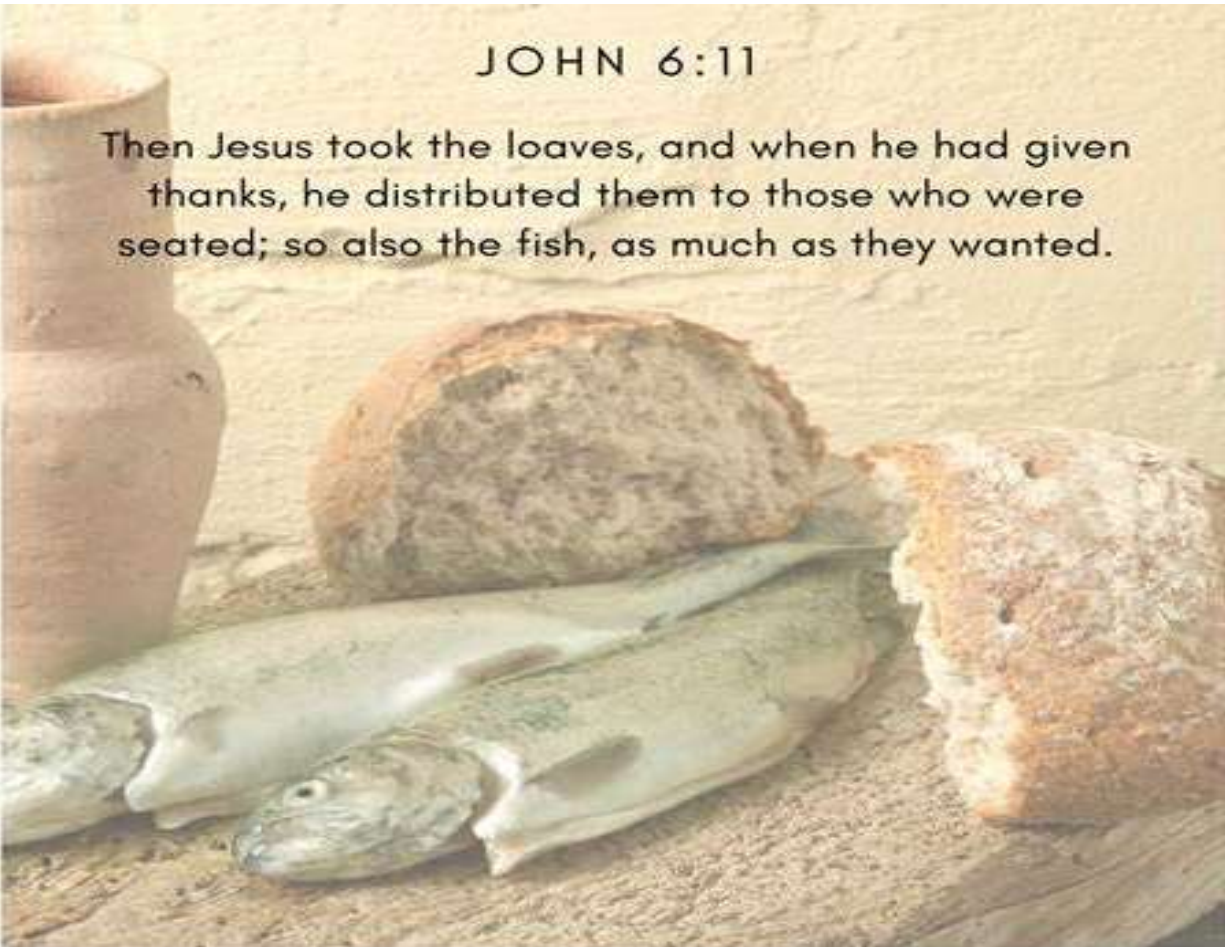


JOHN 6:11

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.



10th Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024

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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.

Prelude

One Bread, One Body ~John B. Foley
arr. Mark Hayes

Gail Hrobuchak

Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 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. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen.

Peace

The Peace

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

Greeting

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.

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



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Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God,

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

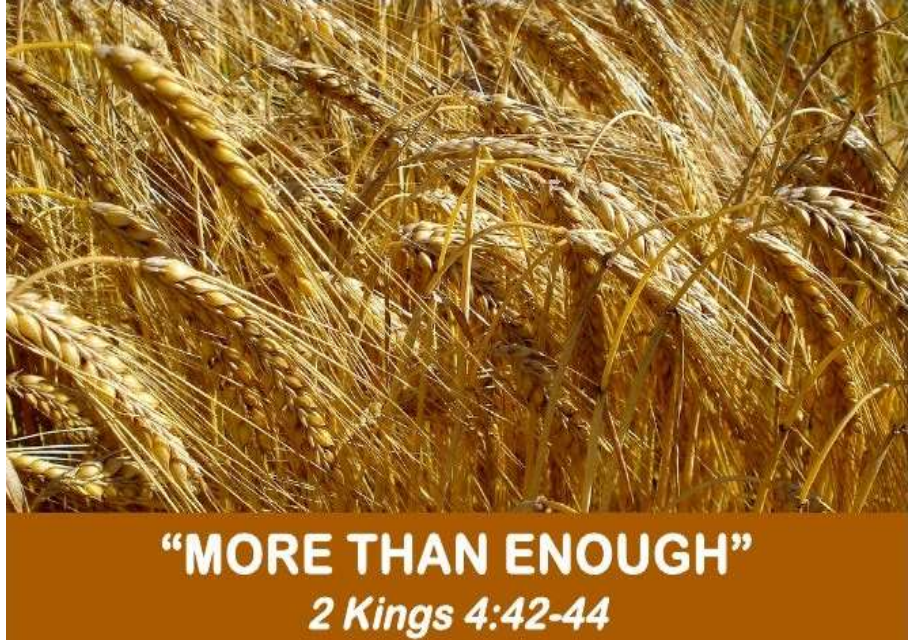
Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray . . . 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.

C. Amen.

First Reading

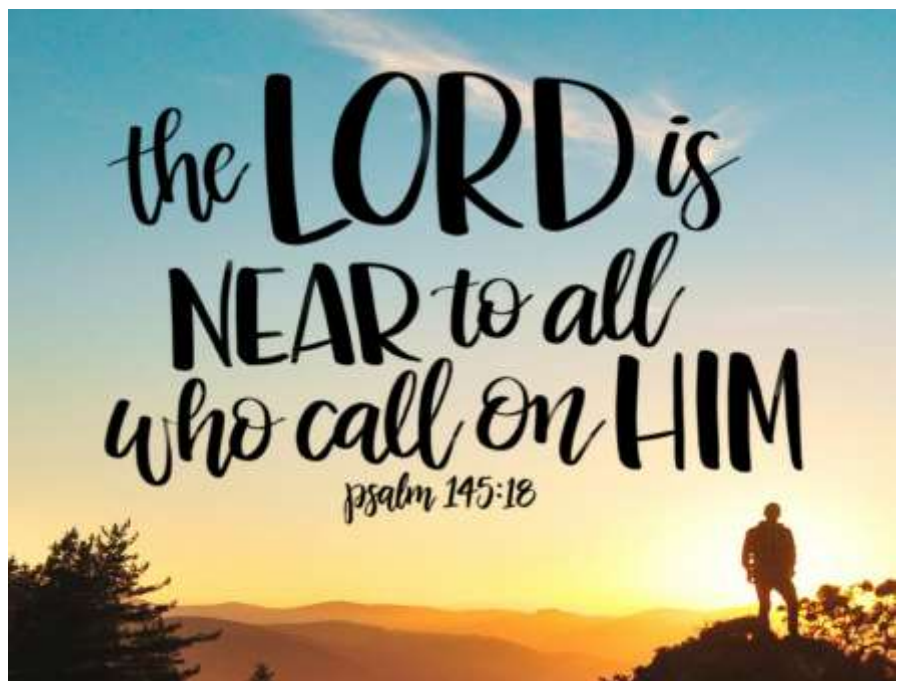
Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.



⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] 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.” ⁴³ 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.’” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Psalm 145:10-18

Spoken Responsively

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and
loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading

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.

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

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

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O God.

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.



¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ 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?"

⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."
⁸ One 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?"
¹⁰ 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.
¹¹ 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.
¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."
¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
¹⁴ 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."
¹⁵ 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.
¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.
¹⁹ 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.
²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
²¹ Then 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 Sermon



Sermon "What Happens When You Share Your Lunch" Pastor Wolfgang

Hymn of the Day

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

The Apostles' Creed

L. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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**

INTERCESSION

Prayers of Intercession

A. One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence

A. God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A. God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A. God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A. God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering (*especially . . .*), families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A. God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

Other Prayers

A. God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

Hungry ~ Kathryn Scott

Marsha Vanderwerff

Canticle

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

- A.** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P.** The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.**

- P.** Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.**

- P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P.** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



The Lord's Prayer

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

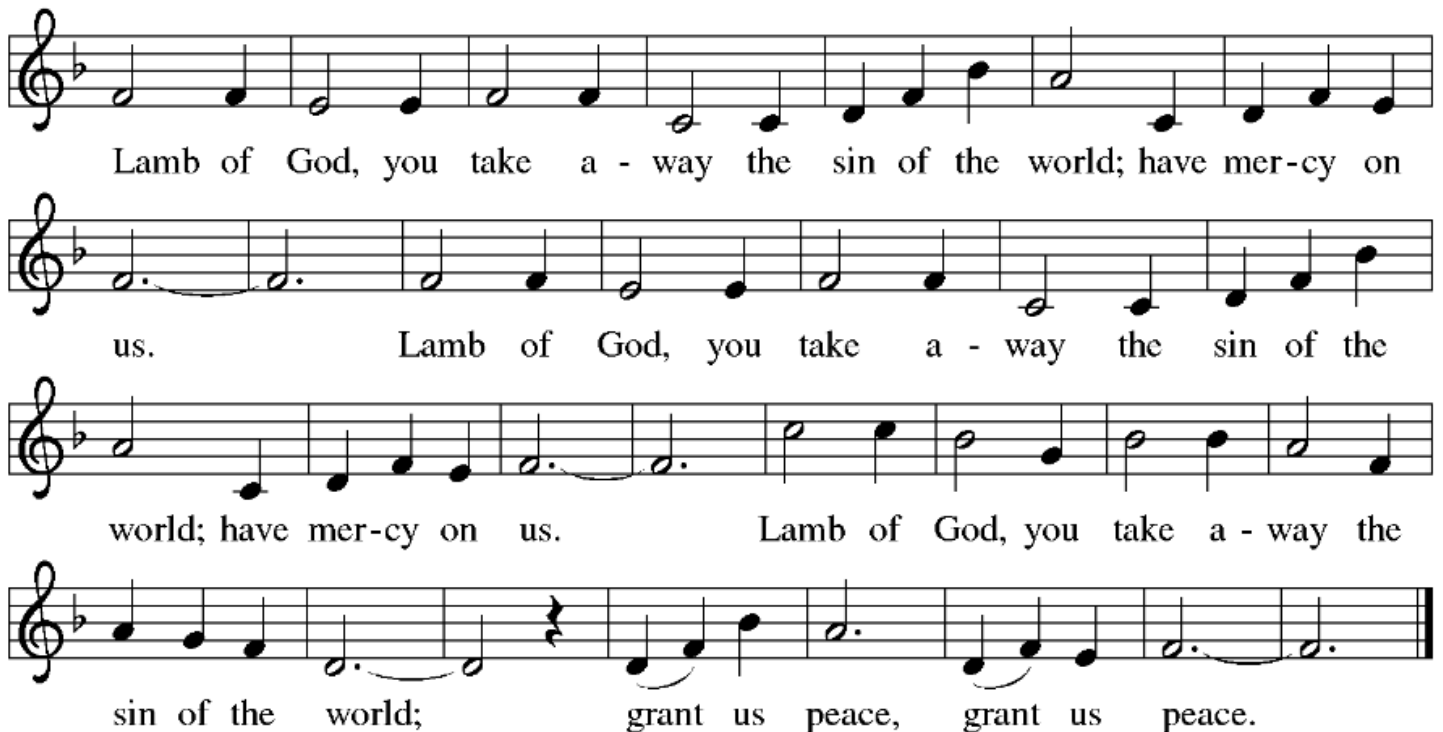
Invitation to Communion

P. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come! All are welcome, no exceptions.

C. Alleluia!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674
Blessed Assurance ELW 638

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

C. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

A. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C. Amen



Benediction

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

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* ELW 736

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Gail Hrobuchak
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Join us after worship today for our first **Mission**

Conversation, set to begin in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am. Our Visions & Dreams Team will share demographic information they have assembled, and congregation members will be asked to help us dream and vision how God is leading LOL into the future. It's your chance to share your opinions, ask questions, and help shape our church's priorities in the years to come.

During the Mission Conversation, there will be three staffed "help desks" to assist people in completing the ELCA Vitality Survey. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey and would like some help with it, this is for you! Here's the link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfYXi6Ly6BrEiWQP7maQh2iYZeTWc5eNmrhyrWlqO_wVe18A/viewform.



Looking ahead: Our choir returns from summer break next Sunday, August 4. During the Sundays in August, we will have a "pop-up choir" for our anthems; this means that anyone who is interested is invited to sing with the choir that one Sunday

without any further obligation. Just show up at 9 am on any Sunday in August for a quick rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Servers for Sunday, July 28th

Assisting Minister/Reader..... Carol Wilhelm
Reader Don Wilhelm
Altar Guild Grace Barnes
Greeters / Counters Tim Clark / Sylvia Lambert
Acolyte Antonio Smith
Guest Musician..... Marsha Vanderwerff



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



Happy
Birthday

Flowers this week are provided by Sylvia Lambert in celebration of Brent and Brannon's Birthdays!!!

Candles this month are given by Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



also

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.