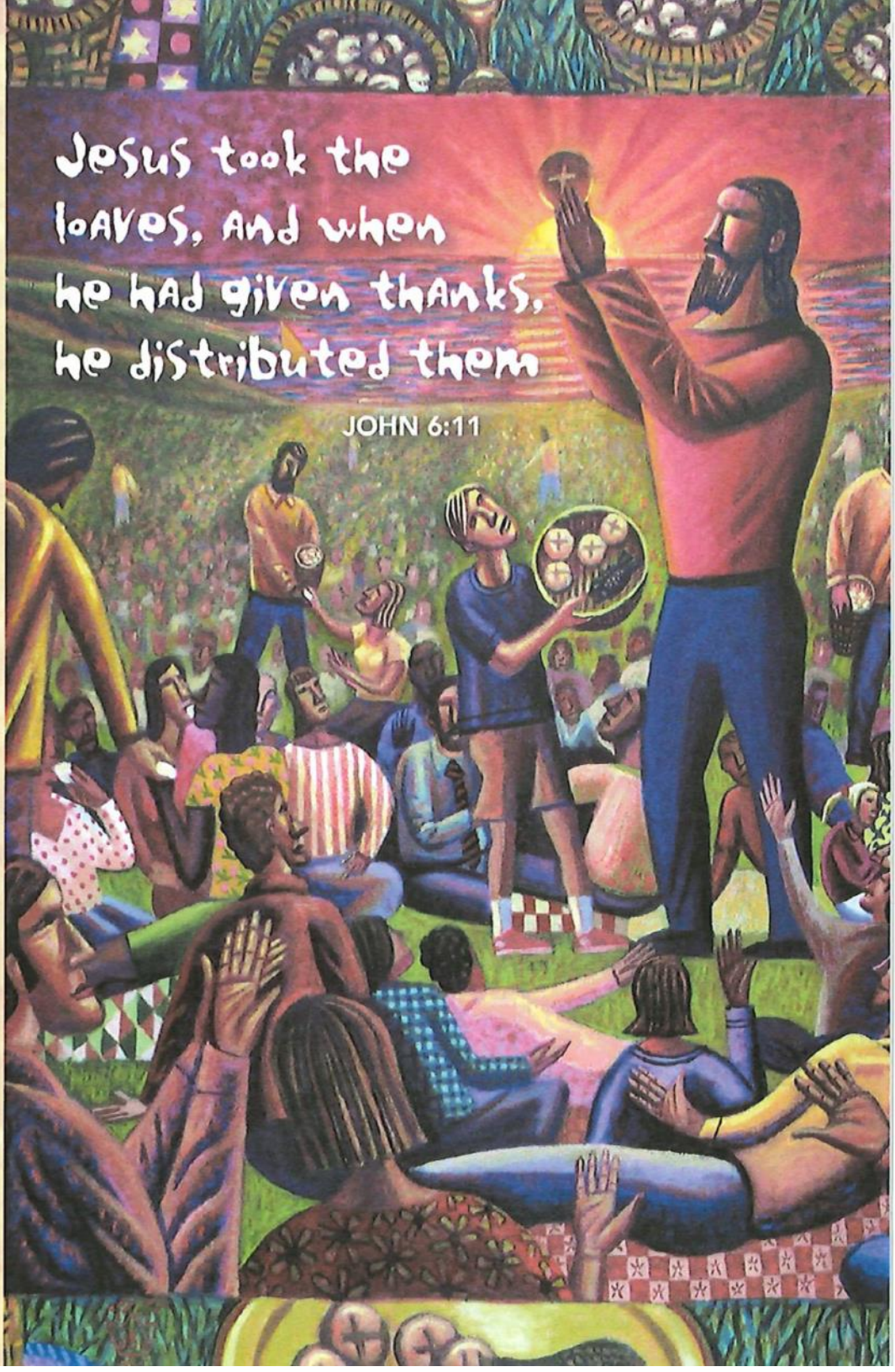


JESUS took the  
loaves, and when  
he had given thanks,  
he distributed them

JOHN 6:11



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 185 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

**The 10:30 AM Liturgy is live streamed on YouTube.** Search St. Paul's Lutheran Church S. George, York, PA. or use this link to our St. Paul's YouTube home page.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo\\_Xvbdkxn2IYIg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo_Xvbdkxn2IYIg). You may also view the service at a later time on YouTube. Please be aware that conversations may be audible to those viewing from home.

## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

With the reduced cases of Covid-19 in the county, current CDC guidelines, and increasing vaccination rates among participants at St. Paul's, the Congregation Council moved to make masks at St. Paul's optional for those worshipers who are **fully vaccinated** for Covid-19. We continue all of our mitigation efforts; social distancing, wiping surfaces, running the HVAC at highest filtration levels, drawing the maximum amount of exterior air into the building and keeping service times under one hour. Please remain thoughtful and considerate of all participants especially our children who are not eligible for vaccine at this time. If you are not feeling well or have been sick or travelling out of the area please utilize the digital live stream as an option before returning to St. Paul's in person. Thank you.

### Entering and Leaving the Church:

*Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.*

### Offerings:

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)*

### While in the Nave:

*Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew. Occasionally an usher may seat a guest in the red zone.*

### Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host. Return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 25, 2021**  
**Holy Communion 10:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude and Trumpetings*

Myron J. Roberts

*Stand turning towards the font.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his 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**

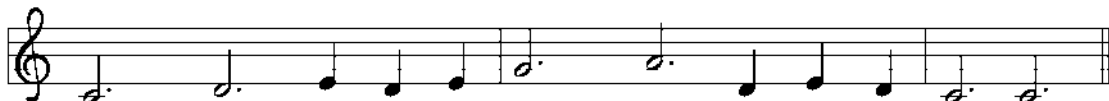
## ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW 409) stanzas 1&2*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

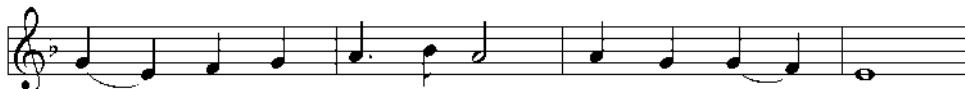
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    **☩ Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Sit**

**FIRST READING**

2 Kings 4:42-44

(back cover)

**PSALM**

Psalm 145:10-19

*Spoken responsively by half verse.*

- 10 All your works praise | you, O LORD,\*  
**and your faithful | servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory | of your kingdom\*  
**and speak | of your power;**
- 12 that the peoples may know | of your power\*  
**and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;\*  
**your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**
- 14 The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*  
**and merciful in | all his deeds.**
- 15 The LORD upholds all | those who fall;\*  
**he lifts up those who | are bowed down.**
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,\*  
**and you give them their food | in due season.**
- 17 You open | wide your hand\*  
**and satisfy the needs of every | living creature.**
- 18 The LORD is righteous in | all his ways\*  
**and loving in | all his works.**
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call | upon him,\*  
**to all who call up- | on him faithfully.**

**Stand**

**VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

**Stand**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 6:1-21 (back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to **St. John.** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Stand*

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*As the pastor prepares the altar the people sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

**Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church both now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

### 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**

**FRACTION RITE** *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*

**AGNUS DEI** *sung by all*

*Sit* *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*



☉ 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 OF THE FAITHFUL

*Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*



*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## HYMN

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song (WOV 781) stanzas 1&4*



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue on BACH*

**Robert Schumann**

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***Please join in fellowship outside on the South lawn.***

*Please...be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave.  
...feel free to gather outside for conversation.  
...take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.*



*A special thank you to Rev. Judy McKee for serving as supply pastor while Pastor Reep is on vacation.*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

***In our prayers we remember...***

***Tina Llorente, Rick Lloyd, The Hawkins Family, Deirdre McManama, Nancy Smith, Jim Gilbert, Roland Craig, Julie Stephan, Elaine Mummert, Orven Cook, Martha Spillman, Ron Stiffler, Ann DeMille, Terry Kaczor, Barbara Ruppert, Chuck Oelsner, Chas Ebling, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, Jessica Arnold, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.***

**St. Paul's Food Pantry –  
Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday Morning and Tuesday Distribution**

Thankfully, the St. Paul's Food Pantry has been able to remain open, with modifications, throughout the pandemic.

While some volunteers were unable to continue serving, some stepped forward and began serving weekly instead of monthly. At least 8 new volunteers have participated as well. For those wishing to help, but unable to participate due to jobs or school during the week, there is a new volunteer opportunity. Twice a month volunteers work between Sunday services at 9:00 AM to stock the shelves. Contact Patty Snyder if you are willing to help in this ministry.

We can once again safely bring clients into the building to select their own groceries. With this return comes the need for additional helpers on Tuesday mornings. Please help if you can.

**Food Pantry—July**

**Items needed:** Pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, canned or boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, jelly, boxed rice. We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore.

Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

## This Week at St. Paul's July 25-August 1

Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs, 7:30 a.m.—12 noon Fri

### Sunday, July 25

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.  
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

### Monday, July 26

7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting— ZOOM

### Tuesday, July 27

9:30 AM Pantry  
 12:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg. ZOOM  
 4:30 PM Bible Adventure-CouslerPark/  
 Pavilions T&P  
 6:00 PM Property Committee—In house

### Sunday, August 1

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.  
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm



Flowers This Week

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in honor and appreciation of our church family at St. Paul's by Kem & Cindy Vaught.*

### Altar Flowers

The Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board has the sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers for available dates for the year. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

### Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Prayers	Lector	Ushers	AV Team Livestream	Outside Set-up Crew	Altar Set-up Communion Both	Altar Clean-up Communion 10:30AM
7/25	Early Outside	Deb Becker	John Monk	Larry Becker Kathy Monk		Volunteers needed	Same	
	Late	Aaron Jacobs	Peggy Jacobs	Kem Vaught Carol Woodbury	Andrew			Peggy & Byron LeCates

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II Kings 4:42-44; John 6:1-21

As we gather this morning in a beautiful county filled with corn fields and gardens, woodlands and small rivers and ponds, we hear the story of the feeding of the 5000 on a hillside in Palestine near the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd had followed Jesus to this place. They had witnessed him healing the sick and casting out demons. They may have heard of other miraculous things he had done such as turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. What else might he do?

Seeing the crowd approaching him in this rather remote place Jesus asks one of his disciples: "Pentecost IX B 2021 Proper 12 B

Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" It is a loaded question. They are out in the middle of nowhere with little money and nowhere to buy food even if they had the money for it. But Jesus already knows the answer to his question.

John's Gospel is all about proclaiming to all who will hear who this Jesus is. He wants them to learn that those who hear and believe will find Jesus to be the bread of life, a refreshment for parched souls, the Way to the Father, a light in the darkness, the Life of the world. Now this Jesus knows that he himself will provide the food needed for this hungry crowd.

There was a young lad nearby who had brought a lunch with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus asks that these be brought to him. He tells the people to be seated on the hillside. Taking the loaves and fish he give thanks to God and asks the disciples to distribute them to the crowds who were seated. When everyone has eaten their fill, Jesus instructs the disciples to gather what is left. They gather twelve baskets of extra food!

As he had turned water into wine at the Cana wedding feast he now turns a boy's ordinary lunch into an extraordinary abundance of food to feed a hungry crowd. This Jesus is one who provides a superabundance of gifts!

The crowds on that hillside received a super abundant meal. We are about to also receive an abundant meal.

We are about to receive an even greater gift, visible to the eyes of faith. As we gather here in Jesus' name, as we take bread and wine, give thanks for all God's gifts, remember the mighty acts of God, especially remembering the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus, and as we eat the bread, we are fed with the gift of Jesus himself! Here in this simple meal Jesus gives himself to us freely. Here we are blessed to receive an abundance of Jesus' love and mercy.

Here we receive forgiveness of sin and are given a fresh start. Here we are gathered into the life of love Jesus shares with the Father and the Spirit.

The people whom Jesus fed were so impressed they wanted to make him King. They did not realize he was already a King – but not the kind of king this world reveres and seeks. This Jesus is a king who rules through the power of self-giving love. This king's power is not shown in the conquest of battle nor in any miraculous signs. This king's power is seen in his willingness to give even his life on the Cross to show us the Father's love and forgiveness.

This story of the feeding of the 5000 is a foretaste of the banquet God is preparing for his people in the kingdom to come. This kingdom will be a kingdom of abundance for all people. In the Kingdom of God there will be an abundance of food and drink. There will be an abundance of healing and wholeness; an abundance of forgiveness and new life.

We have a foretaste of that kingdom each time we are gathered around the Lord's Table. This little bit of manna, this little bit of bread and wine are all we need to get us through the storms of life. They are the Body and Blood of our Lord who is present with us at all times. This Lord is present with us in times of peace and calm as well as in times of storm and tempest proclaiming "Be not afraid. It is I." Here the One who is the Resurrection and the Life not only feeds us with the Bread of life, but goes with us and before us every moment of our lives – in the storms and in the sunshine, in the droughts and in the times of prosperity, leading us into his Kingdom, assuring us of God's loving presence and support every step of the way. Thanks be to God!

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

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." <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.

**Psalm 145:10-18****SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

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.

**GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

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.