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JOHN 6:19-20, NRSV

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA
MELO LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA

Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.

Our Savior's/ Melo Lutheran Churches
Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota
Pastor David Peterson

8th Sunday of Pentecost

July 26, 2009

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)
Linda Hamrick (Melo)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand if you are able)*

ELW p 116

GATHERING HYMN **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

ELW # 533

GREETING & KYRIE

ELW p 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Sit

HYMN

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

ELW # 516

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kinds 4:42-44

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." ⁴³But 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." ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 145:10-18

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,**

¹²that 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.

¹⁴The 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.**

¹⁶You 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.**

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

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 (*Please stand if you are able*)

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THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

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.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

ELW #464

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 and 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 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**

OFFERING

(Please stand if you are able)

OFFERATORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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**

BLESSING

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW #542

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)
Linda Hamrick (Melo)**

Week of July 26
(Reflecting on readings and prayer for Friday, August 21)

Word

Leviticus 19:1-2a, 9-18

John 15:9-17

• God declares, “I am the LORD your God,” and we live in the assurance of that proclamation.

How does that assurance change how you interact with the people in your own life and the places in the life of the world that are suffering, hurting, and broken?

• How would you describe some of the fruits that the love of Jesus has allowed you to bear in your life? Can you imagine being called a friend by Jesus? How does that differ from being called a servant?

Prayer

Holy God, source of all love,
you command us to love one another.

By your Holy Spirit,
conform our lives to your will
so that our words and actions
reveal the care and redemption you have shown to all your people
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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Sunday Worship Times:
OSL 9:00am
Melo 10:30 am

Participants for Today's Worship, July 26

Acolytes: Dalton Rolland

Ushers: Dean Maruska

Lector:

Nursery: Please Attend Your Own Children

Coffee Hosts: Jana Maruska and Denise Laymon

Melo Custodian: Lowell Hamrick (Green)

July 19	
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
53	\$2,927.00

Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, August 2

Worship at Marshall County Fairgrounds

This week in the Parish

Monday, July 27- Worship & Evangelism Meeting 6:00pm
OSL Council Meeting 7:00pm

Next Sunday, August 2- **Worship at Marshall County Fairgrounds 10:00am**

New this week

Please sign your name in the pew registration folder and pass it to the person sitting next to you. Please list everyone in your family who is worshiping with us today.

Worship on August 2 will be at the Marshall County Fairgrounds at 10:00am. There will not be a service at OSL or Melo that day.

Jerry Solum from Wannaska, MN will speak at the Warren Community Center on August 5th to share his story of making a sailboat and sailing to Sweden and back. Meal will start at 5:30pm with program to follow.

Correction: Melo worship was omitted from the August Newsletter Calendar. Worship will be at 10:30am on the 9th and 16th of August.

Volunteers are needed to help install the new church signs on the entrances to Warren. Please contact Jim Folz if you are able to help.