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**10th Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024 Video**

*Good morning. This is Richfield Lutheran Church’s video worship service for July 28. I’m Pastor Brian, with me today are Paul on the organ and Mary as our vocalist. The printed bulletin for this service can be found on our website, Richfield-Lutheran.org.*

*Our gospel is John 6:1-21*. *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 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.*

1. **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn** *All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather* **# 461, vv 1 & 3**

1 All who hunger gather gladly;

holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring.

Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together,

Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.

Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table

live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

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. Amen.**

1. **WORD**

**Gospel: John 6:1-21.** *(*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.*)*

The holy gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1Jesus 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.”

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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *“Feed my sheep”* Pr Brian

**Hymn of the Day** *Break Now the Bread of Life* **# 515, vv 1-2**

1 Break now the bread of life,

dear Lord, to me,

as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page

I seek you, Lord;

my spirit waits for you,

O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth,

dear Lord, to me,

as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease,

all fetters fall;

and I shall find my peace,

my All-in-All!

**Prayers of the People**

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

*(A brief silence.)*

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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, we think especially of Ukraine and Palestine and Israel…. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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* *those whom we now name in our hearts…,* families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

*(A brief silence.)*

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

**III. THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

*You can support this and other of God’s ministries through Richfield Lutheran Church today via our website: Richfield-Lutheran.org/give. Thank you for your faithful generosity.*

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**IV. SENDING**

*On July 28, in addition to this video recording and its phone-in option, we have in-person worship at 9:30. Afterwards we share fellowship. All are welcome.*

*Next Sunday, August 4, our gospel is John 6:24-35.* Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

*Until then, go forth with God’s blessing.*

**Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *Praise and Thanksgiving* **# 689, vv 1 & 3**

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer

for all things living, you have made good:

harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,

hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

3 Father, providing food for your children,

by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share

one with another, so that, rejoicing

with us, all others may know your care.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**This Week’s Daily Bible Readings:**

Monday, July 29. Psalm 111

Tuesday, July 30. Romans 15:22-33

Wednesday, July 31. Isaiah 25:6-10

Thursday, August 1. Psalm 78:23-29

Friday, August 2. 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

Saturday, August 3. Exodus 13:3-10

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