



**PENTECOST 11 — August 8, 2021**

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at 10 a.m. from Temple Beth El Synagogue.**

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**Prelude: *BREAD OF LIFE* – arr. John Carter**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (*read responsively*)

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** Seeking reconciliation with God and our neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. (*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*)

**L:** Reconciling God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.**

**We are silent in the face of racism and all that separates us from our human siblings.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Beloved, by the radical abundance of divine grace, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus.  
Even when we feel hopeless or alone or filled with shame, we have the promise that God loves you and me. We are forgiven and set free from all that oppresses us. May that promise give you comfort and hope, today and always. **C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW #641 – “All Are Welcome” verses 1-5**

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

**Refrain**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
Refrain**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
Refrain**

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5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
 their songs and visions heard  
 and loved and treasured, taught and  
 claimed as words within the Word.  
 Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
 prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
 let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**Refrain**

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
 All are welcome in this place.

**Greeting**

L: 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** – Congregation sings the refrain. Pastor or Cantor sings the verse.

Assistant: Congregation:  
 In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,  
 Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.  
 to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:  
 Help, save and de - fend us, O  
 Congregation:  
 God. A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: Jesus came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

Give us this bread always, that, strengthened by this food, we may live as a welcoming community in this world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

- Charlie Jordan

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Sermon

### Musical Offering - Lanny Faleide

#### Psalm 34:1-8 (read responsively)

- Charlie Jordan

- L: <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C: <sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- L: <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.
- C: <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- L: <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C: <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- L: <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.
- C: <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51 (Please stand as you are able.)

<sup>3</sup> <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

#### Sermon: "Not Knowing" - Pastor Joe Larson

#### Hymn of the Day: ELW #464 – "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" verses 1-4

(Please remain seated for the hymn.)

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| <b>1 Bread of life, our host and meal,<br/>Jesus, feed us.<br/>Christ, by faith, to see and feel,<br/>feed us with your love.</b> | <b>3 Grant forgiveness in the feast<br/>Jesus, feed us<br/>for the greatest and the least;<br/>feed us with your love.</b>     |
| <b>2 Bread now break and wine now pour,<br/>Jesus, feed us.<br/>Make us one, our hope restore;<br/>feed us with your love.</b>    | <b>4 Thank you for this gift we share.<br/>Jesus, feed us.<br/>Save God's children everywhere;<br/>feed us with your love.</b> |

**Prayers of Intercession** *(Please stand as you are able.) Each petition ends with the following response:*

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Sign of Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(For in-person, please exchange a “touch-free” bow or hand wave from where you are sitting.)*

**Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

**Communion** *(Please be seated.)*

**In-person:** *We invite you to commune individually from your seats with the pre-packaged juice & wafer or the **gluten-free** wafers available at the usher’s table.*

*Note:* *The usher will collect your empty communion cups during the communion hymn.*

**At Home:** *We invite you to receive the bread and wine/grape juice with one another or individually.*

**Communion Hymn: ELW #471– “Let Us Break Bread Together” verses 1-3**

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Refrain**

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain**

**3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain**

## Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

*Leader:* *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:*



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

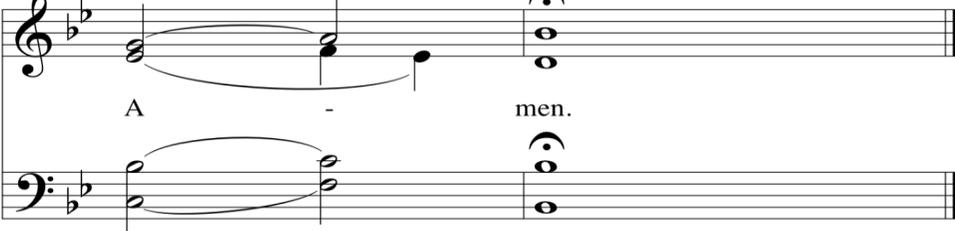


Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_

*All:*



A - men.

### Announcements

**Dismissal** - L: Go in peace. Remember the poor and sick. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: Let Us Break Bread Together** – arr. *Cindy Berry*

**Thanks to Today's Worship Leaders!**

- Joe Larson, Pastor  
- Alpha Roeszler, Piano  
- Charlie Jordan, Lector  
- Lanny Faleide, Songleader

- Linda Hamann, Camera Technician  
- Linda Hamann Altar Guild/Bread  
- Maxine Fagerland, Usher

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME!** St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** and a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation—welcoming all people, including LGBTQ individuals.

**JOIN US TODAY on YouTube!** This morning's worship service will be livestreamed on YouTube at 10 a.m. from Temple Beth El Synagogue.

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED for the sick:** Matt Sletten (Linda Graf's son-in-law), Bill Roeszler, Marilyn and Kermit Jensen, Maxine Fagerland, Anna Burger, Al and Nels (friends of Barbara Edin), Adam Henshel (Alpha's nephew), Tierra Nueva Uno in Guatemala, Florence Roholt, Michael and Carmen Zoughbi, Jerry Jacobson, Leah Martell Torkelson, Avis Twamley, and Karla Ware.

**St. Mark's Circle of Prayer:** Jane Radig; Daniel Ringwelski; Alpha and Bill Roeszler; and Bracken Rourke  
**Fargo Conference List:** Zion Lutheran Church, Harwood, ND – Natalie Carlson, Pastor

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST MARK'S next Sunday, August 15.** We invite you to attend the Pride Interfaith Service at 12:30pm at the Fargo Theatre on Broadway. (Tammy and Pastor Joe were on the planning committee.) Also, the Eastern ND Synod Assembly is in session on August 14-15 and a worship service will be held on Sunday, August 15, at 11:45am. (Elna is our delegate and Naomi has the RIC table at the event.)

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** are this week from 9-Noon at Temple Beth El. (Naomi will not be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday morning this week.)

**MASK GUIDELINE REVISED:** "Masks are no longer mandated. Masks may be worn at your discretion. Masks are required for nonvaccinated adults. Please maintain social distance and good hygiene practices."

**PRIDE IN THE PARK:** Volunteers are needed to staff the booth at Island Park on Saturday, August 14. Shifts are **10:30--12:30; 12:30--2:30; and 2:30--4:30**. Please tell Pastor Joe or call/email the church office to sign up. Thanks!

**PRIDE PARADE:** St. Mark's will participate in the Pride Parade next Sunday. The participants will line up on NP Avenue between Broadway and 4<sup>th</sup> St N. The parade starts at 2pm so we'll try to gather around 1:30pm. Look for Linda Hamann and her white pickup at the gathering area. We have lots of banners to carry, but you can also make a sign if you would like! The parade route is very short this year – Just down Broadway in Fargo from NP Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

**SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES** are on sale now in the stores! We will need #2 pencils, black or blue ink pens, 16-24 count crayons, 70-page spiral notebooks, 2 ½" erasers, blunt-end scissors, rulers, and pencil sharpeners. Kits will be made for Lutheran World Relief.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers this past week that helped out at the Neighborhood Picnic at Temple Beth El on Tuesday night and those who cooked and served on Friday night at Micah's Mission (Churches United homeless shelter).

**PICK UP YOUR PAINTING!** Pastor Joe's wonderful **Pandemic Art Show** at our office building has come to a close. If you purchased a painting, please make arrangements to pick it up at the office! Thanks!

**GALLERY 4 EXHIBIT:** Pastor Joe has a new art exhibit this month at Gallery 4, which is a local artist cooperative in downtown Fargo. It includes 24 of his paintings (different from the previous show.) The net proceeds will benefit the Pride Collective and Community Center, a community center for LGBTQ+ individuals. There will be an **exhibit reception Saturday, August 21, 1-4 pm**. But you can also visit the gallery Mon-Sat, 10 am - 5:30 pm through the end of August. His artwork is in the pop-up gallery in a room at the back of the floor.