



**PENTECOST 13— August 22, 2021**

**This service will be livestreamed on YouTube  
at 10 a.m. from Temple Beth El Synagogue**

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**Prelude: *One Bread, One Body* – 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 #515 – “Break Now the Bread of Life” vs 1-3**

**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!**

**3 You are the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with you above;  
teach me to love your truth,  
for you are love.**

**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  
God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

**Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Let us pray. Holy God,

**C:** Your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

- Lee Clarens

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Psalm 34:15-22** (read responsively)

-Lee Clarens

L: <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: <sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

L: <sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: <sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

L: <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

C: <sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

L: <sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C: <sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand as you are able.)

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

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

**Gospel: John 6:56-69**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

**Sermon** - Pastor Joe Larson

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #469 – “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” vs 1-3**

*(Please remain seated for the hymn.)*

**1 By your hand you feed your people,  
food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor,  
by your grace have we been fed:**

**Refrain**

**Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.**

**2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom  
satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain**

**3 Send us now with faith and courage  
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying,  
we become what we receive: Refrain**

**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 #542 – “O Living Bread from Heaven” vs 1-3

1 O living Bread from heaven,  
how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing!  
O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me  
within your holiest place,  
and here yourself have fed me  
with treasures of your grace;

for you have freely given  
what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven,  
that now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;  
this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
the favor you have shown;  
and all my soul and spirit  
bow down before your throne

## Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

*Leader:* Let us bless our God: *All:* 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: O Living Bread from Heaven – Jan Sanborn**

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

- Joe Larson, Pastor  
- Alpha Roeszler, Piano  
- Lee Clarens, Lector

- Kim Johnson, Camera Technician  
- Elna Solvang, Altar Guild/Bread  
- Charlie Jordan, 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.

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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:** Doug Rymph; Aurora Sobolik; ; Julia and Peter Schott, Lara, Emma, and Tania  
**Fargo Conference List:** Horace Lutheran Church, Horace, ND – Trey Daum, Pastor

### **COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Policy updated August 18, 2021:**

“Due to the increased cases of Covid-19 and its variants, although not required for the fully vaccinated, members are encouraged to resume wearing masks during inside services and while singing. The exchange of peace and Holy Communion will continue to be shared in a contact free manner. Coffee Hour remains suspended until further notice. Hand Sanitizer and masks are available in the worship space. Please observe social distancing guidance of 6 feet apart from those outside your household.” - **St. Mark's Council**

**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. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles are due Monday, Aug. 23. Assembly & mailing is on Thursday, 9:30am at the office.

**PASTOR ON VACATION:** Please contact Pastor Helen Beth Kuhens for pastoral emergencies this week while Pastor Joe is gone: 218-477-0703.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pastors Kim and David Adams will preach and preside on August 29, 2021, as Pastor Joe will be on vacation. They both serve as campus pastors at Concordia in Moorhead and at Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry – NDSU.