

9th Sunday after Pentecost



Word and Sacrament

“Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church”

Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church

July 25, 2021 9:30AM



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship!

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Saint Bart's welcomes you to worship and to our believing community. This morning we celebrate the **9th Sunday after Pentecost**. The lyrics to the hymns are included for you to sing along!

Holy Communion

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, the pastor will drop a pre-packaged communion kit in your cupped hand. We will all take the elements together!

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

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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.

(Deacon) General Guidelines for Indoor Worship

Face coverings are mandatory

You can choose sit away from people not in your own households.

Maintain physical distancing if you are not vaccinated

Passing the Peace: a peace sign

Communion: have your hand cupped for prepackaged communion to be placed in your hands. The .pastor will come to you. Then we will take elements together.

General Guidelines for Outdoor Worship

Face coverings are optional if you are vaccinated

Keep at least **6 feet** away from people not in your own households.

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Passing the Peace: a peace sign

Announcements

Our Summer worship time will be 9:30AM.

When we worship indoors, it will be the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

The 2nd and 4th we will worship outdoors! If it rains, service will be indoors. Go to the Churches webpage at

www.stbartlutheran.org for guidelines!

Food Pantry will be open Saturdays, August 14th and August 28th at 10am.

The Clothes Closet will be operating with the Food Pantry.

We will continue to serve Lunch meals on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30AM until school begins.

Dinner meals will be served this Tuesday at 5pm. Meals will be served again Thursday August 12th at 430m.

Bible Study- Fridays! In person Bible Study at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Questions for study will be posted on the Web page and Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast August 7th 9:30am /more details coming soon!

Women's Luncheon August 21st at 12pm

Community "Back to School" BBQ will be September 4th. Stay tuned for details!

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

Let the Bell Be Rung!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our Provider,

C **Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

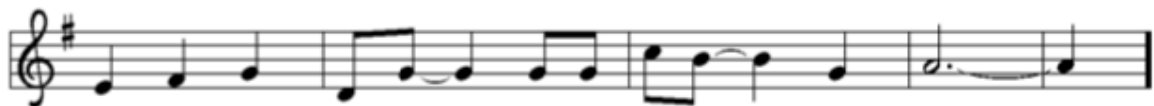
Gathering Hymn: ELW # 720 - "We are Called"



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 ② Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P 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**

Y Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise



I Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen**

WORD

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **Amen.**

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.”⁴³ 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.’”⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading : Psalm 145:10-18

A All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

A that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C 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.

A The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

A You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

A You 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, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 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, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 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?”

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

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. 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. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 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.”

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.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.

It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 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. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then 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.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Apostles 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, 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

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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 Westminster Pres and Living Hope. 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 for Shirley, Crystal, Justin, Roxy, Julia Chase, Nancy, Louis, Mark, Kris, Myron, Jim, Virgie, Enid, Bob Farr, Margaret, Dawn, Carol, Roger, Helena, Matt, Katrina, Ellie, Faye, Jodi, Joe, Seth, Daulton, Billy, Claire, Pat, Kristy, Aiden, Ann, Dick, Bob, Colliney, Dan, Chips, Dorothy, and Will. And those we name now or silently in our hearts. **PAUSE**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.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays especially Margaret Thomas and Alan Ari: and for those celebrating anniversaries, also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud or type them in the livestream..(**Pause**) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

(PASTOR) 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.

THE OFFERING

Online offering: <https://www.stbartlutheran.org/donate>

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C. **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

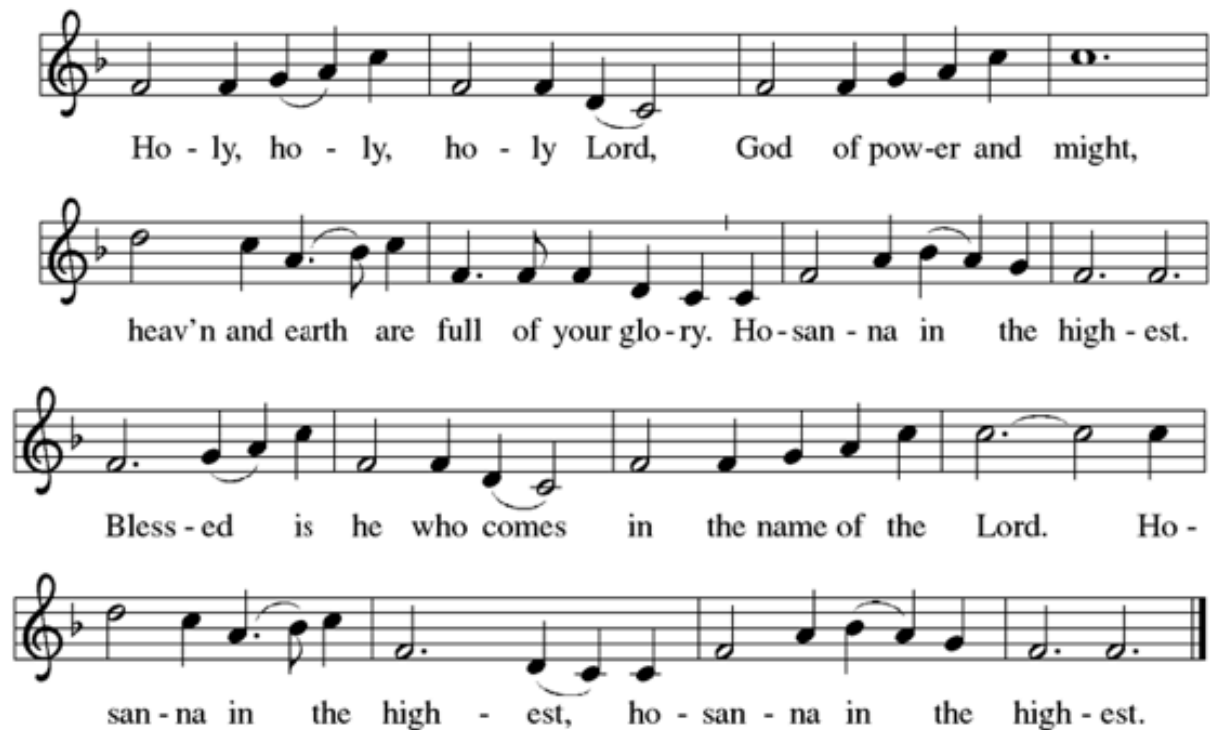
PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is
to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the
lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness
and truth, gathering into one in your Kingdom a divided and
broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their
journeys, and taught them by the prophets.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life,
Word made flesh, Power of the Most High,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and
forever. Amen.**

Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Distribution

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace

C Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

P Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C Amen

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Benediction

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

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C Amen.

Sending Hymn ACS #987

Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Dismissal.

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude