

July 28, 2024 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 & 10:30 am Worship

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2024 9:00 & 10:30 AM Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa, Minnesota Rev. Drew Bakken Rev. Michelle Ruen

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS!

Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving to our living Savior! Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power. Open our hearts to follow your call.

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount," J. Eggert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," R. Scoggin	Bells of Praise
GATHERING HYMN	"Praise and Thanksgiving"	HYMN #689
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(please stand as you are able)

- 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.
- 2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 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.
- 4. Then will your blessing reach every people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land. Albert F. Bayly,Text©1988 Oxford University Press;OneLicnse#A-704268

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. (please be seated)

READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

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.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING	"O God Beyond All Praising," L. Lamb	Bells of Praise	
CROSS KIDS EXCUSED			
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)	"Alleluia!"		
	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,		
	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		

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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.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (please be seated)

SERMON

"With Jesus, There Is Always Enough"

Pastor Michelle Ruen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

(please stand as you are able, during the last verse)

1. Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore. Refrain

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

- 2. Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages; "I am with you; do not fear!"
- By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. Text: Herman Stuemple ;Music: Marty Haugen©2006 GIA Publications; OneLicense#A-704268

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

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, 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.

(please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

"Hear Our Prayer"

HYMN #178

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: Peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer. Paul Andress©2006, Augsburg Fortress; OneLicense#A-704268

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

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. Lord in your mercy, *

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. Lord in your mercy, *

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, including those on our prayer list, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. Lord in your mercy, * 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 loving-kindness shared anew. Lord in your mercy, *

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (please stand as you are able)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

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. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \pm be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

HYMN #807

- Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise: While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- Here I raise my Ebenezer; "Hither by Thy help I'm come";
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.
- Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

DISMISSAL You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. **Thanks be to God. We will.**

POSTLUDE

"Doxology," P.P. Stearns

If you are visiting or interested in joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, please leave your

contact information on the Welcome to Worship

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Summer Office Hours—Church offices **close at noon on Fridays** during the summer months (June, July & August) beginning June 7th. Any church related items to be published in the Sunday bulletin must be emailed to Laurie in the office **by noon on Thursday**. (if space allows) <u>laurie@lccnisswa.org.</u> Monday—Thursday office hours remain the same at 8:30am-4:30pm.

cards in the pews and place in the offering baskets. If you have questions about LCC, please feel free to call Pastor Drew or Pastor Michelle at 218-963-2564.

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to fully celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax.* We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome—it's their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service, as kids learn how to "do" church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the nursery, please return at end of worship. Our Nursery is staffed and available to children under age 6. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have. Finally, **THANK YOU for joining us**—we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here!

Red cross blood drive will be held <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 4, 2024</u> at Lutheran Church of the Cross in the Celebration Center from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm. Volunteer signup sheet is located in the Narthex for registration table and canteen. Questions? Please call Cheryl Swanson at 218-820-8031. To schedule an appointment to donate blood call 1-800-733-2767 or go to: RedCrossBlood.org

Are you wearing your nametag? Please join us in encouraging all members to wear theirs. If you need one, simply send Laurie an email: laurie@lccnisswa.org.

Lutheran Church of the Cross - News and Notes July 28—August 4, 2024

PRAYER REQUESTS

LCC Members: JoAnne Dayton, Sarah Verworn, Terri Langerud, Bonnie Anderson, Lowell Carlson, Wayne Van Vliet, Mark Boesen, John Wallin, David Pederson, Nancy Schmidt, Pete Mogenson, Kathleen Warden, Keith Both, Sarah Aga, Rick & Sue Pratt, Sheri McSherry

Friends & Relatives of LCC Members:

Brady Toso (David & Marie Olness's grandson), Bill Cram (Mary Cram's son), Jeff Wangstad (Lee Wangstad's brother), Judy Zirngable & Lane & Sandy Weber (JoAnn River's friends), Martha Sather (Dick & Judy Rickbeil's daughter), Janelle Ellis (Sandy Hins sister), Jeff (Pete & Carol Christofferson's nephew), Mary Larson (Lisa Hagen's mom), Mary Kay Gergen (Colleen Both's friend), Joey Halvorson (Marty Halvorson's sister), Stephanie & Levi Dupont (Bob & Peg Beck's granddaughter & great grandson), Diana Smith (Terri Langerud's friend), Darrell Kempfert (John & Marilyn Quist's friend), Greg & Neva Cole, Steve Hedtke (Chris Hedtke's dad), Brian Krawiecki (Kelsey Kuhn's father), Sabrina Lewandowski (Tracy Olson's friend), Linda Reid (Carol Alverson's sister), Tom Anderson (Rena Bolt's dad & Pete Mogenson's friend), Angie Barnack (Darrell Barnack's mom), Pr. Erika Foss, Dave Watson & Emily Dunn (Mark & Kari Erickson's friends), Cheri Axel (Tracy Olson's friend), Merv Johnson (Kerri Nordby's dad), Pastor Tom Peterson (Keith & Colleen Both's friend), Sue Ziegler (Pr. Michelle's friend), Annie (friend of Dave & Marie Olness), Caitlin Deal (Colleen Both's great niece), Ronald Anderson (Jean Larson's husband), Andy Skjod (Dennis & Cynthia Skjod's nephew), Graham Kluck (Terri Langerud's grandson), LCC members in care facilities, all veterans and active servicemen and women, and those struggling with mental health or addiction issues.

Please call the church office to make updates to the prayer list. If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit, please call the church office at 218-963-2564.



Next Pick Up Choir will be Sunday, August 18. All are welcome - meet in the choir room at 8:15 to rehearse prior to singing at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services.

Prime Timers program for Thursday, August 8th

Come and enjoy an informative program featuring Shelly Boser from Landsburg Landscape Nursery. She will be speaking on things to do for fall maintenance in your garden and your yard. Prime Timers meets the second Thursday of every month from 12:00 noon until around 1:30. Bring your own sack lunch. Coffee, lemonade, and dessert is provided.

Women in the Word - Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm -Come for a wonderful time in God's Word with lovely ladies, tasty treats and strong coffee. No homework needed for this one-time monthly Bible Study. Bring your Bible and a friend. Led by Pastor Michelle in the Chapel Hall.

Operation Sandwich - we are packing food bags for the summer Thursdays in Chapel Hall. A Big Thank you to Our Saviors Lutheran in Pequot Lakes for recently donating peanut butter and snack items. We are accepting donations of 18 oz. jars of peanut butter and jelly (no glass), granolas bars, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks. **Item most needed is peanut butter**. To volunteer please sign up at: https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org/operation-sandwich and scroll down to "interested in volunteering?" section and click on the community you wish to volunteer for and complete area and dates you wish to volunteer for. Any questions, email Bill Wear at: bill@bridgesofhopemn.org

Bible Studies: Men's Breakfast at The Side Track every Thursday at 8:15 AM.

Text Study on Wednesdays @ 8:30 am in Chapel Hall. All are welcome to be a part of this ministry! If you are interested, email <u>laurie@lccnisswa.org</u> and you will be added to the email list to receive the texts each week.

Beth Moore Bible Study, Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent. Monday mornings 9:30 am - 11:30 am June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Held in the conservatory.
Evening Bible Study—Mondays 7:00-8:30pm June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5th.

Rummage Sale News: Fall Rummage Sale week is September 15 – 21! <u>A Volunteer Informational</u> <u>Meeting is planned for Thursday, August 22, at 4 pm in the Celebration Center.</u> Whether you are an experienced volunteer or new to this fantastic event, please plan to attend to get the latest updates. All are welcome! Donations accepted Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am to 4 pm, and Fri., 8:30 -11:30 am. A list of accepted/not accepted items is available at the church office and website. Please contact Laurie at 218-963-2564 prior to bringing items. Thank you!

Novel Ideas Book Club meets Tuesday, July 30th at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall. Join us for discussion on Joe Siple's book *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*.

The next Sharing Market is Sunday, August 11th before and after each service. Donate plants, flowers, lettuce, spinach or other produce. (We can no longer sell homemade items such as baked goods or jams & jellies.) Then purchase these items so we can help our neighbors at the Lakes Area Food Shelf in Pequot Lakes! There will be only 2 more sharing markets this summer — August 11 and September 22.

Women of the Cross/WELCA Quarterly Meeting, rescheduled to July 30, 2024, at 1:30 in Chapel Hall - Please join us for our quarterly meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events and will also be deciding on where to put our rummage sale funds to the best use in our community, state, nation, and world. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Art & Faith Exhibit in the celebration center - The second summer exhibit will feature John Erickson, recognized for his widely exhibited photography from **July 28 through September 1**. The exhibit, "Characters," explores a selection of portraits of actors at various stages of theatre productions in Lakes Area community theatre, all presented in black and white and having been made over his many years as photographer for the theatre companies.

THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

July 28—August 4, 2024

SUN,	7-28: 9:00 10:00 10:30	B-days: Kaden Fillbrandt, Erica Henke, Riley Larson Worship w/ Communion & Online Coffee Fellowship Worship w/ Communion	
MON,	7-29: 9:30 7:00	B-days: Mike Cranny, Erin Herman, Eric Larson, Beau Ubl, Kevin Wittwer Women's Bible Study: Psalms of Ascent Women's Bible Study; Psalms of Ascent	
TUES,	7-30: 8:30 9:00 9:00 10:30 1:30	<i>B-days: Tony Nelson, Jana Lueck, Delaine Schmidt</i> Staff Meeting & Prayers Computer Lab Rummage Sale Presort Novel Ideas Book Club Women of the Cross/WELCA Quarterly Mtg	
WED,	7-31: 8:30 5:30	<i>B-days: Carol Alverson, Julie Domino</i> Text Study Bells of Praise	
THUR,	8-1: 8:15 9:00 7:00		
FRI,	8-2: 12:00	B-days: Tim Hernandez, Anne Oium-Salfer Office Closed	
SAT,	8-3: 11:00	<i>B-days: Patrice Maier</i> Funeral: Diane Eitrheim; visitation 10:00 am	
SUN,	8-4: 9:00 10:00 10:30	B-days: Alice Carlson Worship w/ Communion & Online Coffee Fellowship Worship w/ Communion	

Lutheran Church of the Cross **Daily Bible Reading** from Lectionary B Mon., July 29, 2024 Genesis 18:1-15 Philippians 4:10-20 Psalm 111 Tues., July 30, 2024 Exodus 24:1-11 Romans 15:22-33 Psalm 111 Wed., July 31, 2024 Isaiah 25:6-10a Mark 6:35-44 Psalm 111 Thurs., Aug 1, 2024 Exodus 12:33-42 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 Psalm 78:23-29 Friday, Aug 2, 2024 Exodus 12:43-13:2 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Psalm 78:23-29 Sat., Aug 3, 2024 Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 16:5-12 Psalm 78:23-29

Please take your bulletin home with you to use throughout the week as a reminder of upcoming events.

Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



We are still looking for playground donations—help us build our fund for this vital ministry for our young families. If you are a Thrivent member, let Kari know if you would apply for an Action Grant for this project. Our installation is slated for August 15 & 16. We will need some strong and willing volunteers to help with this so prayerfully consider volunteering. Contact Todd Whipple if you can help.

Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa

^a The Acolyte and Scone Sunday schedules have been mailed

out to families—be sure to check your calendar and make any adjustments necessary. If you make a switch, please let Kari know.

Cross Kids families—check out the CK2 mailing you received and let Kari know which month works for you the help out—simply check the box(es) on the stamped postcard, add your name, and drop in the mail:-)





Many serving opportunities are available for Sunday services! We are most in need of worship coordinators and sound room techs. If you can help by being a greeter, usher, worship coordinator, reader or communion assistant at any of the Sunday services, contact Todd Whipple via text or call @ 612-810-2201.



<u>Creation Care Green Tip</u> Submitted by Laura Raedeke, Creation Care Team Our Own Health is Tied to a Healthy Planet Earth: Learn More at *Your Local Epidemiologist* (yourlocalepidemiologist@substack.com)

Last summer was the **hottest summer ever recorded** in the U.S., and the health effects included **asthma-associated hospital visits** increasing, **seasonal allergy season** getting longer with higher pollen counts, and **heat-related ER visits** (heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke). With global emissions from mainly the **coal**, **oil and gas**, **and cement industries** increasing, the warmer winters, autumns and springs allow pathogens to remain active for longer periods of time, resulting in cases of disease linked to mosquitoes, ticks and fleas **tripling in the U.S**. between 2004 and 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control. The predicted effects of global warming (escalating frequency and severity of flooding, droughts, storms and fires) are threatening the **climate and biodiversity stability** we need in order to thrive. Urge policy makers to work toward alleviating climate-induced suffering as they also reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Musicians	Cathy Taylor, Sharon Taute, Marilyn Quist		
Greeters	9:00 Drey, Autumn, Adley & Nollie Loge		
Ushers	9:00 Pat & Molly Sloan	10:30 Jed & Angie Klein	
Reader	9:00 Paula West	10:30 Marty Holmstrom	
Worship Coord.	9:00 Dave Jabas	10:30 Sandra Potthoff	
Altar Guild	Pauline Gustafson, Jean Kraft, Darrell Paske		
Communion Asst.	9:00 Dave Barstad, Jim & Joan Roberts10:30 Marilyn Quist, Dennis & Carol Tack		
Coffee Fellowship	Marvel & Elvera Pelkey		
Tech Support	John Quist, Brad Carlson		
Nursery	Anne, Hannah & Elijah Hayes		

**Assistive Listening Devices are available in the Narthex. If you choose to use one, please leave it on the counter when you exit so it can be sanitized for the next use.



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