



Mark 6:44-30

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand In The Desert

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Words of Welcome...

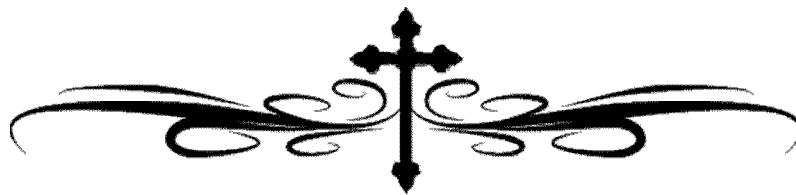
If you are new to St. Luke, a guest, or an old friend returning, we want you to know we are excited to have you here! St. Luke has been serving Jesus in Santa Rosa since January 17, 1888.



*Please fill out the “**red attendance book**” found in the pew. After worship we have refreshments and fellowship in the Family Activity Center. Please join us so that we may spend a few minutes visiting.*

AS WE GATHER

Jesus and the His disciples were confronted with thousands of hungry people in the wilderness. Not unlike the exodus desert centuries earlier, there is almost no food; logic suggests sending them back home. But Jesus, filled with compassion, miraculously feeds everyone. We live in a society we might call a spiritual desert. Yet here, too, our compassionate Shepherd meets our physical and spiritual needs. Instead of scattering us to fend for ourselves, as did the leaders of God's Old Testament people, He unites us as His one flock. Jews and Gentiles, in the Epistle, find a unity in the peace of their one Savior, and so do we. Today, we have a feast of Word and Sacrament, yes, even here in the midst of our desert wandering, thanks be to God.



ORDER OF SERVICE ~ 10:00 am Worship
Can the Dead Live?

PREPARATION

HYMN "In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*Isaiah 53:6*

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;
People: **we have turned—every one—to his own way;**

Pastor: and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Let us therefore go to our Lord, confident of His grace and mercy.

[Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.]

Pastor: Our heavenly Father,
People: **I am by nature sinful and am entirely lost, fallen, and blind. My cares and worries—my sins—blur my vision of Your grace and mercy. I do not always trust that You are concerned enough to meet all my physical and spiritual needs. For Jesus' sake I humbly ask Your forgiveness for all my failures of weak faith and for listening to other voices. Open my ears and my eyes so that I may follow You, my True Shepherd, through every shadowy valley until I behold the streams of quiet water that eternally flow from Your throne of grace.**

Pastor: O people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand, surely for Jesus' sake, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

WORD

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, for every daily blessing, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Compassionate Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the healing, housing, feeding, and saving ministry of the Church of God in all the earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Strengthening Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here themselves and all that they are and have in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: All-embracing Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" LSB pp 171-172

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'A'. The second staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'C'. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God."

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Next

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Good Shepherd of the sheep, You provide the protection, nourishment, and guidance we need every day of our lives.

People: Remind us again through Your gracious Word that we need not fear lacking anything physical or spiritual within Your compassionate care;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

† SACRAMENT †

There are appropriate questions to ask yourself in order to worthily receive the blessed Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood. They are:

- * ***Am I a baptized child of God?***
- * ***Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior from sin?***
- * ***Do I repent of my sins in thought, word, and deed?***
- * ***Do I believe that Jesus' Body and Blood are really present in the bread and wine?***
- * ***Do I honestly intend, with God's help, to fight against sin and to live as God's child?***

If yes is your answer to all of these questions, you are properly prepared to come and receive the forgiveness that Jesus died to give.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

{ Colossians 3:1 }

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is our Good Shepherd, providing feasts of physical and spiritual blessings during our earthly sojourn until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LSB 178

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked with a 'C' in a square. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

He is our compassionate Lord, who in great mercy and grace provides a feast for us even when we fail to trust Him for all that we need. And now in this Sacrament, while we continue on our desert journey, He comes to assure us again of sins forgiven and blessings without number.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **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 the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

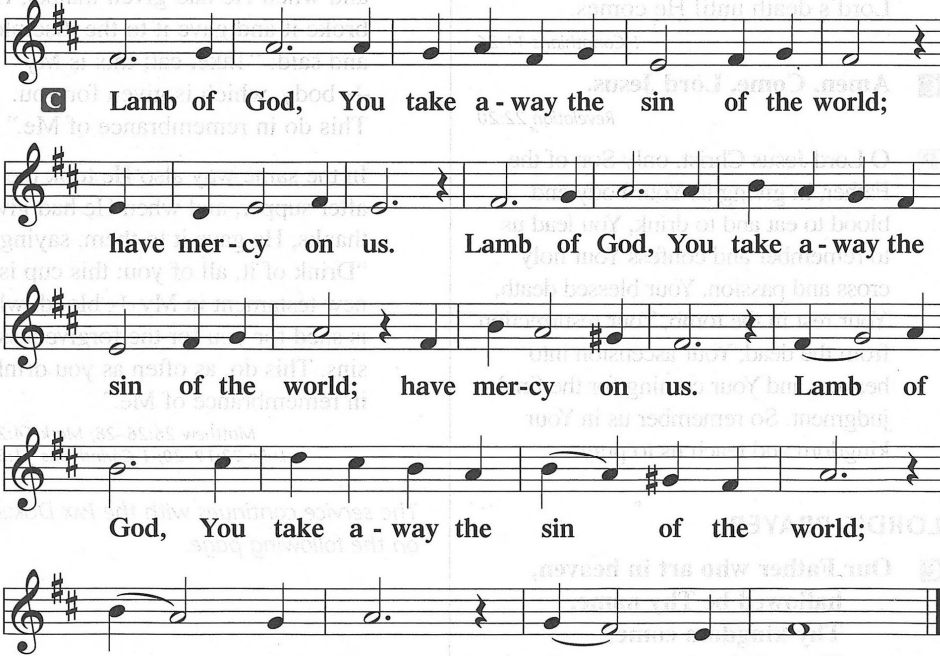
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LSB 180



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641



Refrain
You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share - this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" LSB 181



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalm 107:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

(God promises to replace Israel's sinful human shepherds with a truly righteous Shepherd.)

23 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" *LSB 710*


1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:11-22

(Jews and Gentiles are united in Christ.)

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to

the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 78:25*

Pastor: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

People: He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44

(Jesus feeds the five thousand in the desert.)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his

disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Two Little Fish, Five Loaves of Bread”

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Two little fish, five loaves of bread,
Too few that hungry crowds be fed!
Shall we this small meal give to You,
When we’ve naught else to see us through?

We see compassion in Your eyes;
Our ev’ry fear it so defies!
Good Shepherd, what can You still do
When these our off’rings are so few?

Why do You pray, a blessing say?
Will they our inner fears allay?
But then there’s more, enough to share!
Your gracious love trumps our despair!

Teach us, Lord Jesus, here today,
Your grace to trust, Your will obey.
Move us our “fish,” our “bread” to give
That many may rejoice and live.

You are the Bread of Life, O Lord;
You paid the price that we might live.
Through us, now, Savior, may grace flow
That Your great love thousands may know.

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MESSAGE “Jesus Shepherds Us”*Mark 6:30-44***OFFERING****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

HYMN “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

LSB 651

1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-lemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

THE DISMISSAL

*Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the resurrected and ascended
Lord with gladness. And remember– He is coming
back!*

People: Thanks Be to God!



***We Thank Those Serving in God's House
today and in the week to come...***

Speaker: Pastor John Mueller

Organist: Linell Malde

Reader: Emi Lozano

Tellers: Leona Hatt, Carol Canaday & John Grell

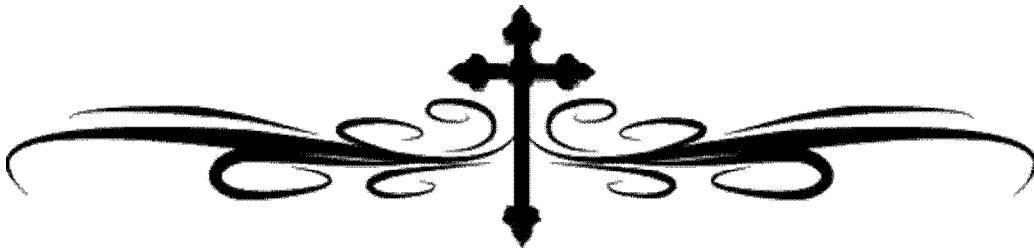
Those Serving Sunday July 26, 2015

Speaker Pastor John Mueller

Organist Val Peterson

Readers..... Ardis Zimmerman

Tellers..... Leona Hatt, Carol Canaday
& John Grell



SERMON NOTES

