

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 4, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

*We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.*

*Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.*

*The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type***

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## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

#### \*SONG

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

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#### \*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Bread of Life, you have fed us before. Somehow we are still hungry. You will feed us today.

Tomorrow we will hunger again. Feed us every time we hunger. Even before we know we are hungry  
–even before we understand what satisfies – you have set the table.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

Jim Wickland

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:23-29 (*read responsively with leader*) [NEW LIVING translation]

Cindy Kinlund

<sup>23</sup> But he commanded the skies to open;  
he opened the doors of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> **He rained down manna for them to eat;  
he gave them bread from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup> They ate the food of angels!  
God gave them all they could hold.

<sup>26</sup> **He released the east wind in the heavens  
and guided the south wind by his mighty power.**

<sup>27</sup> He rained down meat as thick as dust—  
birds as plentiful as the sand on the seashore!

<sup>28</sup> **He caused the birds to fall within their camp  
and all around their tents.**

<sup>29</sup> The people ate their fill.  
He gave them what they craved.

\*GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

*Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"*

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which

comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SERMON

“Bread of Life: Grace”

Pastor Deb Abbott

*Silence for reflection*

### \*SONG

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

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### \*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 again 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 concludes:)*

... Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Michael Kinney, Dorothy Bricker ( Laurie Hamit’s mother), Arlene Stolen*

### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### “MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT

**MEAL**

### \*OFFERING / 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.**

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### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \*LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. The pastor will give directions as to how to receive communion. It will be served by intinction this morning. Take a wafer from the server and dip into the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Children and adults who are not communing may receive a blessing instead.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “God Extends an Invitation”

“Taste and See” (*Leader sings verses, congregation sings Refrain*)

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

**SENDING**

\*BLESSING (*response: “Amen!”*)

\*SENDING SONG

“All the People Said Amen”

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\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (*response: “Thanks be to God!”*)

*Thank you for helping stack chairs and clear the courtyard!  
Chairs in the Fellowship Hall can remain in position.*

***Thank you to Greg & Kelly Winter for sponsoring today’s complimentary coffee and cookies in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.***

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.***

***You may contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.***

### Assisting in worship

Pastor: Rev. Deb Abbott  
Minister of Music: Dennis Larson  
Vocalists: Amie Cieminski  
Anna Troyer  
Mandolin: Pat Kelly  
Guitar: Tom Nugent  
Bass: Mike Adams  
Sound technician: Grey Conderman

Projection: Junior Vanderploeg  
Video production: Joshua Matthews  
Communion assistants: Jim Wickland, Linda Akers, Greg Winter, Larry Raimer  
Ushers: Mary Adams, Cindy Ververs  
Altar Guild: Susan Vilfroy, Pam Thompson

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Scripture readings next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25 –5:2, John 6:35,41-51

***Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!***