



JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

AUGUST 2, 2026 • 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE II

ZION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PROCLAIMING CHRIST THROUGH FAITH, WORSHIP, AND EDUCATION.

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today.

Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

The Evergreen Thread: A meditation on today's lectionary from an evangelistic perspective.

All Who Hunger.

Through His prophet Isaiah, God asks His chosen people, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread.... Come to me; hear, that your soul may live." Jesus repeats the invitation and continues to do so through His disciples today: "Do not work for the food that perishes.... I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (Jn6:27a, 35). In today's Gospel reading, the disciples advise, "Send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus replies, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." John's Gospel account of the feeding of the five thousand adds these observations from Philip and Andrew: "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little," and "What are five barley loaves and two fish for so many?" But as Peter would later demonstrate (Ac3:6), the primary focus wasn't to be on the finite availability of earthly resources to meet physical needs but on the inexhaustible availability of the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ (Jn16:14). And for this purpose, this same power fuels our personal witness and our corporate outreach. Knowing our "basket" will always be refilled as needed, we share God's abundant blessings in a variety of ways to meet the physical needs of our neighbors. And most importantly, being filled with the Holy Spirit we share with everyone what we know to be true: "All are invited. The price has been paid."

9:30 AM
✠ DIVINE SERVICE II ✠
LSB 167

The Service portions that vary from week to week (Propers) are printed below.

**The Service itself including the Responses may be found
in Lutheran Service Book (LSB), beginning on page 167**

PRELUDE

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Greet the Rising Sun</i>	LSB 871
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
LSB 167

INVOCATION

EXHORTATION

CONFESSION OF SINS (*Kneel*)

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD
LSB 168

KYRIE (<i>Stand</i>)		LSB 168
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HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	LSB 170
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY		LSB 172
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P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Stand)*

LSB 173

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,

“This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Sit*) *O Living Bread from Heaven* LSB 642

HOMILY

NICENE CREED (*Stand*) LSB 174

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 175

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY (*Sit*)

Welcome to all our members and visitors! We are glad you are here! Please help us stay connected by signing and passing the red Friendship Book found in your pew.

OFFERTORY (*Stand*) LSB 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 177-181

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION *(Sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>What Is This Bread</i>	LSB 629
	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	LSB 641

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE <i>(Stand)</i>	<i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 181
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION		LSB 183
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RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	LSB 895
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SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/Homilist	Rev. James Ebersole
Lector	Alexander Schwarze
Organist	Dr. Scott Hyslop
Sacristan	Valerie R. Green
Ushers	Board of Elders
Audio and Facilities Arrangements	Larry Wagner, Caleb Jeffcoat



IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, Mike Caruthers, Don Fontana, Millie Gomoll, Helen Gronholz, Virginia Hood, Carolyn McDaniel, Ruth Miller, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Lenora Smith, June Tesauro, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, Ken & Shirley Wethe, Rosemary Francis, Laura Pappas, Lovis Miller.

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Jack Harris, Juli Schkade, Oran Schrank, Dale VanLoh, Sandra Magers, Mary Gray, *Cheryl Gray's mother*; Taylor, *great granddaughter of Laura G*; Tanner M, Ekanem.