

Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

<sup>8</sup>Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup>“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup>When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup>After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup>Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

**Sermon Hymn:** 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

**Sermon:**           **The Bread of Life**

1. Provider
2. Provided

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Distribution Hymn:** 497 This Is My Will

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 494 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**Ushers:**           This Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz  
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**Greeters:**        This Week – Kevin & Holly Broedlow  
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## ***St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church***

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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** Pg. 15

**Opening Hymn:** 326 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

## Prayer of the Day:

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Lesson - Exodus 24:3-11

*Everyone needs a lot of help! The children of Israel were quick to promise obedience when they saw the might of the Lord, and just as quick to forget all about both their promise and his might. No one helped his brother to obedience. Each served self alone and thus encouraged others only in disobedience, in unfaithfulness. We, like the Israelites, have been sprinkled with blood, the blood of the Lamb. We have been washed and cleansed. We have not seen his might the way that they did. But because of his mighty acts for our salvation we have been cleansed in his blood by his Word and sacraments. On that basis we have pledged to obey and to keep his Word. But we need a lot of help! We need the help of our pastors who feed us as sheep of the Lord's pasture. We need the help and encouragement of each other. We give such encouragement when we recite the Creed together. We need to give it as well from day to day when we see each other in need of any kind of help or strengthening. How do you spur on your family or friends or fellow members to obedience and faithfulness? Or does your carelessness and indifference provoke them to an evil imitation?*

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." <sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 84, p. 96**

## Second Lesson - Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

*Are you unsure of how you may help? Here is a wonderful list, not of acts but of attitudes that cheer and encourage those around us. Look at the Table of Duties in the Catechism. Where are you there as a gift of God to your fellow believers? Whether pastor or member, each has a noble calling to adorn himself with these attitudes that reflect our noble status as members of Christ's body.*

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called - <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>11</sup> It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)

## Gospel - John 6:1-15

*Jesus creates a need so that he can satisfy it. It did not just suddenly occur to him that the thousands would be in danger since they had stayed with him so long. No, he let them stay until there was a problem. And then he solved the problem. He does that wondrous thing in our lives countless times. But often in rescuing he gives his disciples an opportunity to help him by serving those who were now in such obvious need. The boy shares. The great apostles become traffic cops and then waiters and then clean up men. And when it is all over Jesus makes sure that what he has done will not get in the way of his march to the cross! What are your opportunities to serve? What do you do with them? There is not a day on which we cannot pray for those in need and then ourselves become the Lord's agents through whom he at least in part answers our prayers. Do you have the fish and the bread? Can you help serve it if another has it to share?*

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then