



## ***HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**Tatamy, Pennsylvania, 610-252-5181**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost –July 31, 2022**

### **VBS SUNDAY**

**+Service of Word and Prayer - 9:30 am +**

**Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor**

***One Pastor, Many Ministers***

**Assistant Minister – Mike Riedinger**

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship - Song/Video "Food Truck Party"**

*Please stand*

#### **Greeting**

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

**All: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Benevolent God, You are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to You, and to treasure what is precious in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Please be seated*

**Top Chef T:** Welcome, friends, to the Food Truck Party. We've been "On a Roll with God," exploring how we experience and play a part in God giving us this day and every day, our daily bred! My name is Top Chef Tracy, and these are my friends, Top Chef Cathy and DJ cupcake.

**DJ Cupcake:** Hi everyone! We had a great time learning new things together. I loved learning and sharing our Main Course, Matthew 6:11, which says, "Give us this day our daily bread."

**Top Chef C:** Me too! It's part of the Lord's Prayer and it's more than a memory verse. Every time we say this verse, we are practicing turning to God for what we need.

**DJ Cupcake:** I love that, and do you know what's better than saying our Main Course? Singing it!

### **Song/Video "Forever and Ever Amen"**

**Session 1** "God Provides Manna and Quail" (Exodus 16)

**Chef #1:** By understanding that God can provide in any situation, we learned that God is Great.

**Chef #2:** That is why our Daily Special for Session 1 is "God is Great!" Let's all say that together.

**All: God is Great!**

**Music Leader Sherri:** Our Chefs had a great time and were "on a roll with God!" Here are some of our favorite memories!

***Slideshow – "Love that Makes the World Go 'Round"***

**Session 2 "Elijah, the Widow, and the Endless Oil"**  
(1 Kings 17: 8-16)

**Chef #1:** We learned how to see that God is good through the actions of people willing to share God's blessings to meet the needs of others.

**Chef #2:** That's why our Daily Special for Session 2 is "God is Good!" Let's all say that together.

**All: God is Good!**

**Session 3 "Daniel and Friends Eating the Good Stuff"**  
(Daniel 1)

**Chef #1:** Like Daniel and his friends, we understand that our food comes from God and thank God for our food no matter how we receive.

**Chef #2:** That's why our Daily Special for Session 3 is "Let us thank God for our food!" Let's all say that together.

**All: Let us thank God for our Food!**

**Session 4 "Jesus Feeds the 5,000"** (John 6:1-13)

**Chef #1:** By learning how Jesus used that small amount of food to feed so many people, we learn that by God's hands we are all fed and that like the child in the story and the disciples, we can be God's hands and help feed others.

**Chef #2:** Our Daily Special for Session 4 is "By God's hands we all are fed!" Let's all say that together.

**All: By God's hands we all are fed!**

## **Top Chef Brenda: Mission Moment**

Our VBS Mission Project was a "Food Drive" for Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley.

Family Promise provides safe lodging, meals, and support services to enable families to obtain housing and financial security. [FPLehighvalley.org](http://FPLehighvalley.org)

**Congregation/Chefs** may bring food forward at this time.

**Song/Video**                    **"Feed My Sheep"**

**Session 5**            **"Jesus cooks the Catch of the Day"**  
(John 21: 1-17)

**Chef #1:**            From this story we learn how God has given us all the call to love and care for God's people. And we learn to trust God to provide what we need from day to day.

**Chef #2:**            And our Daily Special for Session 5 is "Give us, Lord, our daily bread!" Let's all say that together.

**All:**                    **Give us, Lord, our daily bread!**

**DJ Cupcake:** Thanks to all of you, our friends and family, for a thrilling and successful VBS at the Food Truck Party!

**Song/Video**                    **"So Great, So Good"**

**Top Chef C:** We hope you all had as much fun as we had and that you will stay on a roll with God and always remember to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread!"

*Please stand*

## **Apostles Creed and Confession**

Pastor                    In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**All**                      We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Pastor                    Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**All**                      I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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**

## **Reconciliation**

Pastor: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**All: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**All: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**All: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

Pastor: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Pastor: Gracious God,  
**All: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**All: Amen**

## Peace

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

***Please share our Lord's Peace with one another.***

## Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**All: You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless You for Your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Prayers of the People

Asst: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Asst: O God, You are wholeness. Where there is division in Your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, VBS leaders, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of Your church. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Asst: O God, You are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Asst: O God, You are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders. We pray for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Asst: O God, You are life. Where Your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress, especially those whose names we elevate to You...Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Asst: O God, You are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade Your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Asst: O God, You are resurrection. We give You thanks for all Your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward You. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive the prayers of Your children merciful God, and hold us forever in Your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**All: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Our Father

**All A real person, who cares for and loves me**

Pastor Who art in heaven

**All Living higher than I am, understanding more than I**

Pastor Hallowed be thy name

**All We honor and praise your holy name**

Pastor Thy kingdom come

**All Yes, come quickly Lord Jesus, live in our lives**

Pastor Thy will be done

**All You always know what is best for us**

Pastor On earth as it is in heaven

**All As you always have and always will**

Pastor Give us this day our daily bread

**All You have always supplied our needs**

Pastor And forgive us our debts

**All**                    **In the name of Christ**  
 Pastor                As we forgive our debtors  
**All**                    **Seventy times seven, Lord**  
 Pastor                And lead us not into temptation  
**All**                    **Give us strength to resist**  
 Pastor                But deliver us from evil  
**All**                    **When we fail, you come through**  
 Pastor                For thine is the kingdom  
**All**                    **In which we share**  
 Pastor                And the power  
**All**                    **Greater than anything we have ever known**  
 Pastor                And the glory forever and ever  
**All**                    **Amen!**

**Benediction**

Pastor:                Thank you God for our time together at The Food Truck Party. Thank you for our leaders and families who have given their time and talents to make our learning special and fun. May we continue to find ways to share God’s love with those around us. We thank You for the biggest victory through Jesus, our Savior King. Help us stay on a roll with God and always remember to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread!”

Bless us as we go from Hope Lutheran Church to serve our neighbors and give You glory. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**All:                    Amen**

**Dismissal**

Pastor:                God, our Daily Bread, will deliver us, shield us, and bless us today and always.

**All:                    Amen**

**Closing Song                "So Great, So Good"**

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**A Special Welcome to All Visitors** who worship with us during this season of God’s Spirit. May God’s Spirit dwell in you and strengthen you on your journey. We invite you to sign our Guest Register and introduce yourselves to the Pastor after worship.

*Bulletins are given to the Glory of God.*

*Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Memory of Harold Shafer by Barbara Frace and Family.*

## ***“Hope-An Anchor for the Soul”*** **Hebrews 6:19**

### **The Richness of Life**

Many people in the United States have such an abundance of possessions that they don’t even notice it. It feels normal to have things in excess. For others in the same culture, paying rent or the mortgage and having enough to buy food is a struggle. Scarcity is a daily reality.

Someone in the crowd asked Jesus, “Tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me” (Luke 12:13). It feels urgent. Is he being impatient? Is his brother refusing to give him a fair share of the estate? Is he being greedy? Is he desperate because he is unable to pay his debts or care for his children?

We don’t know who is living in abundance of possessions and who is living in scarcity in this story. Whether we are rich or poor, greedy or needy, we can fall into the trap of thinking that an abundance of possessions is what life must be about. Having enough to live and be safe is important for everyone. But having as much as possible while others go without is outside of God’s good intentions for human community.

Jesus points beyond abundance of possessions to finding the key to life in an abundance of something else: being “rich toward God” (v. 21). What could this mean? First, it means knowing that God provides abundantly for us and for all, so we live with gratitude to God for all we have. Second, it means knowing our only true security is in God’s love and grace, which we always have. Third, it means responding to the God of abundance with the same generosity toward others. Being rich toward God means being generous toward our neighbors.

Why is this the key to life, and not abundance of possessions? Because we are created to live in relationship with God and each other. And in living generously toward each other we participate in the goodness of God. That is the richness of life.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Hope Lutheran Church will once again be helping with the **Summer Lunch Program** at the Nazareth Moravian Church. Our scheduled week will be **Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will report to the Nazareth Moravian Church at **11:15 to 2:00 p.m.** They

need 5 to 6 volunteers each day. If you can help, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

- We need volunteers to sign up for **Safe Harbor in Easton** – pick up food donations at Wegman’s on the first Saturday of each month and deliver to Safe Harbor. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board – for more information, see Bill Kiefer.
- **Looking for sponsors for Donut Sundays!** See Karen Woolley for information or Diane in the office.

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### **Thank You for supporting VBS!**

Our Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success. Many volunteers made a commitment to provide leadership during VBS. These leaders and helpers shared the Word of God with others. We deeply appreciate the gifts you offered of your time, talents, and service.

We would like to thank the congregation for your prayer support and care and the many monetary and food donations that you provided.

Thank you to Josh Cressman for handling the registrations and technical assistance and to Darrell Mengel for being our photographer.

And we thank God for showing us how to live out his mission and plan for our lives, and for showing us how to share his love with others.

Many thanks,  
Tracy and Cathy

