

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bread of Life
August 7 & 8, 2021

AS WE GATHER

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we speak in the Fourth Petition, "Give us this day our daily bread." We are reminded that "daily bread" includes everything we need for this body and life as we pray and give thanks for all the Lord provides regarding our well-being in this mortal life. Yet, we are never left to just be satisfied with earthly things, as we will be taken from worldly provisions to His greater eternal gifts, which always last. It is why He sent His Son into this world, and why Jesus spoke to the people then and still to us today, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

"[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent." (Colossians 1:18, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #868 "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun"

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.

In conversation be sincere, Thy conscience as the noon day clear;
Think how the all seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.

(Rise)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord.

People: **Our mouths have not always praised you through our words, and we have boasted in things other than you. Help us humbly hear and be glad, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: We confess to You, Lord.

People: **We have sought after other things than you and have let our fears impede our faith. Give us hearts centered on you, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People: **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord.

People: **Our thoughts, words, and actions have not been faithful, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us and save us from our troubles, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:1–8* (Elijah flees and the Lord feeds.)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat."⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2* (New life as God's children)

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and

anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–51* (Jesus, the bread of life, continues teaching.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love,
Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love,
Love Him, love Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love,
Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love,
Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

SERMON HYMN #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Stanzas 1-5

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King.
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword:
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas’chal victim, paschal bread; with
sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

SERMON “Daily Bread and the Bread of Life” John 6:35-51

HYMN #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Stanzas 6-8

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

(Rise)

CATECHISM *The Fourth Petition*

Pastor: We are reminded today that the Lord provides all things for His people. Our heavenly Father gives us all we need for this body and life. Luther's Small Catechism explains what it means when we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean?

People: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Pastor: What is meant by daily bread?

People: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Pastor: Realizing all we have comes from and is a gift from God, we come before Him in prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of this earthly life and the promises assured of forgiveness and eternal life through His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank you, Lord, for our daily bread, for all we need in this body and life. Grant us all to join with Charles in thankfulness for all your provision. Move us to give as you have first given to us, giving to the needs of others and in support of the work of your kingdom.

Through your Means of Grace, keep us always fed with the grace and mercy of your Son, the Living Bread from heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As your servant Elijah fled out of fear and was fed and nourished by you, come to us in our times of fear and anxiety that we be fed with what lasts and sustains in our times of need. Bless all those still fearful of events in our world with peace and trust. Be especially with the sick and afflicted who we name before you now, including Deanna, Helga, Steve, Kathy, Ray, Versa, Don, Judy, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Grant peace and healing, hope and health, according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for the nations of the world and all the elected leaders of our country. Grant them wisdom to rule with justice and for the good of all. Give them resolve to punish the evil and to commend those who do good. Bless us to live as responsible citizens, obedient to authority and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, as you send out servants into your harvest fields, bless them by your spirit to share the salvation of Christ with all. Bless and be with Rachel Meyer as she is released from mission work in Uganda and begins a new ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Davenport, IA. Continue to bless Chuck Ferry and his family as they serve you in Asia. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: As Jesus taught the people of His day to know and see Him as He is, grant that we continually learn of your love through Him as our Savior. We rejoice in the baptism of Levi Ryder Herlache this weekend, praying for Dustin and Melissa to raise him in the faith. Guide children, parents, families, and individuals to rejoice in your Word here and in homes, that all be fed with your life-giving grace through the work of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we gather together in the fellowship of the Sacrament you have set before us, grant that we faithfully receive and partake in the Living Bread that has come down from heaven with the assurance of sins forgiven, faith nourished, and your presence affirmed. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN #637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

HYMN #804 "O Worship the King"

O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
Wile angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

HYMN #619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

The body, giv’n for me, O Savior, thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever. By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in thee. **Refrain**

Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e’er is near. **Refrain**

My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

People: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

Pastor: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
through this Sacrament by your grace given in this food and drink, the
bread of life from heaven to feed us forgiveness and eternal life. Give us
this and every day our daily bread, and deliver us from evil. Equip us
with the gifts of the Spirit that we live our lives in faith and hope;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God the Father, provider of daily bread; God the Son, Living Bread from
heaven; God the Holy Spirit, through whom we are gathered and by
whom our faith is fed and nourished, 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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Thankful for New Ceiling Fans

We are thankful for the installation of our new ceiling fans in the narthex. We are thankful for the memorials given in memory of Russ Graf and his family dedicating these funds to the project. We are also thankful for all of you who gave offerings to raise the funds needed to complete the project. Above all, we are thankful to God for He is the provider of every good and perfect gift.