

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Am the Living Bread

August 11 & 12, 2012

AS WE GATHER Those who heard Jesus say He is the Bread of Life grumbled at what He said. Maybe we grumble, too. We want to meet God on our terms but God is only accessible where and when He has determined to reveal Himself---a manger which holds Jesus Christ in human flesh and blood, a cross on which the Holy Redeemer dies for a sinful world and a sinful you and me, and a mystery of bread that is His body and of wine that is His blood for us to eat and drink. In our limited capacity as human beings, we might grumble about these complex divine things that we can only believe by faith. Yet, where we hear and heed His Word, His promise delivers beyond our imagination and far more than we dare ask: forgiveness and cleansing from all our sins, life now and life stronger than death itself, and salvation sure and free to all who will receive Him.

5:00 PRESERVICE SOLO *“A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord”* Pastor Hinz

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #821 *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us: Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.

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(Please rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh, fear the LORD, you, His saints;

People: for those who fear Him lack no good thing.

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. *Psalm 34:8*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

KYRIE AND HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest" *(p. 186-189)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav’n-ly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Continued

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and 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.

(Please be seated)

9:00 BAPTISM of Hadley Adele Moran (Page 268)
Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT I Kings 19:1-8 (*Arise and eat for your journey is great.*) Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:17---5:2 (*Be imitators of God as His beloved children.*) So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:35-51 (*The bread that I give is My flesh for the life of the world.*) Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

SERMON "THE HOLE IN OUR SOULS" John 6:35-51

(Please rise)

5:00 APOSTLES' CREED (*found on the back cover of hymnal*)

(Please be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book 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.

(Please rise) **PRAYERS**

Pastor: The eyes of all look to you, O Lord: you open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Incline now your ear to hear our prayers. We pray for the pure proclamation of the Gospel throughout all the world,

People: that false teaching and Satan's lies be thwarted, in order that many be drawn to the Father through the Son, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: We pray for our congregation, and all congregations in our circuit, district, and synod, that they flourish and thrive, be strong witnesses to their confession of faith,

People: and that they would show mercy on account of God, and live together in unity of doctrine and love for the neighbor.

Pastor: We pray for pastors, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout, or depression, that our Lord give them strength and courage through the example of Elijah and all who have gone before them,

People: and that the Spirit would bring them comfort through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life.

Pastor: We pray for all who receive Christ's body and blood this day, that reconciled to each other, they rejoice in receiving the Lord's forgiveness through this precious gift;

People: praying also that it strengthen us all in times of doubt, and nourish us in body and soul.

Pastor: We pray for our nation, that all live in harmony, neither suffering from want, nor fearing from danger,

People: And that the Lord would give wisdom to our leaders and protection to the members of our armed services.

Pastor: We pray for the victims and their families suffering from the attack at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek last Sunday. We ask comfort for those who mourn, and healing for those who were wounded. We thank you for, and pray for the safety and well being of law enforcement officers who stand watch over our safety. Bless the healing of Oak Creek Police Lt. Brian Murphy, wounded while responding to this tragedy, and grant him recovery from those wounds.

People: Extend your hand of peace over us. Help us to put an end to violence, prejudice, and hatred wherever it rears its ugly head. Use us, dear Lord, to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Pastor: We pray for the sick and afflicted including Arlene, Ron, Louise, Gerald, Irma, and Joe that they never doubt that God hears their prayers and answers in His time and according to His will,

People: and we pray for all who suffer from any kind of hardship, that the Lord relieve their pain and provide all that they need,

Pastor: We pray for those who mourn, that they be comforted by Jesus' words that He is the bread of life, and that "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever,"

People: and for the faithful who have died in God's friendship, giving thanks and asking that He bring us with them to the Feast of joy that never ends.

Pastor: We pray for Hadley Adele Moran, the newest member of your family, **People: that she would grow in your love and grace.**

Pastor: Risen, ascended and glorified Lord, you have promised that those who believe in you will never hunger nor thirst. By your Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith, give us grace to live in repentance and forgiveness, and keep our eyes ever focused on the life that never ends, knowing that you will raise us up on the last day; for you, Lord Jesus, live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

5:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #775

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and ev-'ry-where adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distresses,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet
now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing,
though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be That angels
well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

HYMN #571 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

HYMN #685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God of grace, how richly you have fed us with the precious body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that what we have received we may apply
to our lives as your baptized children, living out our new creation in Christ
Jesus, knowing true righteousness and holiness all our day; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.

Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home. E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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