

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Bread of Life  
August 1, 4, 5, 2018

### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, the crowds are still trying to stay close to Jesus, but He says it's for the wrong reason. They want to fill their stomachs, and He declares that He is the bread of life. As the manna in the wilderness wasn't produced by Moses, but was a gift from God, so Jesus didn't come to produce physical bread. He is God's gift to us for what we need in every part of our lives here in time and for eternity. The Epistle focuses on our being part of the Body of Christ, with "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Indeed, we are gifts of God to one another, called to faith to speak the truth in love and to work together to build up the Body to the measure of Christ Himself.

### WELCOME

"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."  
(Psalm 46:10, ESV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #642 "O Living Bread From Heaven"

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, you here have led me To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me The treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and His forgiving grace. Paul urges us in today's Epistle "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

**People: But we are not worthy of the calling. We confess that at times we have refused to be humble or gentle. Our patience has been lacking. We have dealt with one another in anger. We have valued ourselves over the unity of the Spirit. In our fallen condition, we cannot free ourselves; so we can only call out to God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Pastor: Paul reminds us that there is one Lord, who has created you and all things; there is one faith in Christ, who by His death has paid for your sins and by His rising has opened the way to eternal life; and there is one Baptism, by which the Holy Spirit has brought you to faith in the one God and Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all. 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE #806 "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, you gave your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life.

**People: Grant us faith to feast on Him in your Word and Sacrament, that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**BAPTISM SONG (SUNDAY) #592 "Dearest Jesus We Are Here" Stanzas 1 & 3**

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### **✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 16:2-15* (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.) And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole

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congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 4:1-16* (God has created, redeemed, and called us all to the one Church, a unity shown in our love for one another and all people.)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 6:22-35* (Referring to the manna in the wilderness, Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.) On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the

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Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 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.

(Be seated)

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Saturday & Sunday)

#### SERMON HYMN

#### "I Am the Bread of Life"

W & R #703

I am the bread of life; you who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain:** *And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world;  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **Refrain**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood  
you shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

I am the resurrection, I am the life.

If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever. **Refrain**

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world. **Refrain**

#### SERMON

#### "The Bread of Life"

John 6:22-35

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** (Wednesday & Saturday)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** 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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Loving Father, you provided for your ancient people manna to sustain them in the wilderness, and in your Son you have given us the living bread of heaven.

**People:** **Give your baptized children the grace of seeking the food that endures to eternal life that they may be strengthened in both faith and life.**

**Pastor:** Holy One, your Son gave us the Office of the Ministry that your people might be equipped to serve and be built up into His one body. Remember in your compassion all who speak your Word.

**People:** **Give them faithfulness and honesty in their teaching so that your children would be freed from all deceit and speak your truth to one another in love, growing up in every way into Christ**

**Pastor:** Lord of the harvest, your Son bids us pray that you send workers into your harvest fields. Stir up the hearts of young men and women to consider lives of service in full-time church work.

**People:** **Bless and be with Chuck Ferry and family as they serve in Asia and Indonesia, and Rachel Meyer as she serves in Uganda. Bless mission efforts around the world that many would come to faith, live lives of repentance and loving service, and walk with you all their days.**

**Pastor:** Mighty One, you establish civil government to be a blessing. We commend to your care and guiding our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way.

**People: Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed.**

**Pastor:** Father of our Lord Jesus, you hear the grumblings and laments of your people when they cry out in their distress. We lift up to you today our sisters and brothers who are sick, injured, taking treatments, homebound or grieving especially your servants Elenor, Anita, Scott, Mary, LuEva, Vern, Dorothy, Judy, Dick, Dorothy, Cindy, Carlene, Nancy, Sue, Jan, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Pat, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah.

**People: Show mercy to each bruised heart, and make their faith in you strong as they await the healing or provision that comes only from your hand.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in Holy Communion your Son feeds us with food that never perishes, His very body and blood, in order that we would believe His forgiveness, taste His mercy and join Him in giving you thanks and praise for salvation.

**People: Stir up in us always a genuine hunger to taste and see at this table how good you are.**

**Pastor:** Ever-living One, we give thanks to you for all those who have believed and partaken of the living bread from heaven and so share in the unending life of your Son.

**People: Bring all of us to share with them the joys of your heavenly banquet table on the day of the resurrection of all flesh.**

**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** (Wednesday & Saturday)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

O Lamb of God, You take away The sin of this world; thus we pray,  
Grant us Your mercy and Your peace Until all days and years shall cease.

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(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 #808 "O Sing to the Lord"** *(Soloist sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse, congregation joins in the rest of song)*

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

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O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God, And blow all the trumpets.

And sing to our God, And sing to our God.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

**HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"**

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?  
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see the Lord is good.

### **HYMN #625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”**

Lord Jesus Christ, life giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed. In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav’n, my soul’s delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart’s discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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: The Lord 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 #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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