

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 4th, 2024 (11:11 am)

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Psalm 145:10–21

Ex. 16:2–15

Eph. 4:1–16

John 6:22–35

Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven

Having rescued Israel “out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with “meat to eat” in the evening and with “bread from heaven” in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the “true bread from heaven,” which the Father gives to you, is the Son, “who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him “shall not hunger,” and whoever believes in Him “shall never thirst.” He is “the bread of life,” who gives Himself to you as “the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one Body of His Church, in which you “are to grow up in every way into him who is the head” (Eph. 4:15).

WELCOME – (Deanna)

GATHERING SONG

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise

How can I ever say enough

How amazing is Your love

How can I keep from shouting Your name

I know I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart (want to sing)

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You

Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give
*I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne*

I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing
Yeah I can sing

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Almighty God, we come before You today, acknowledging our need for Your grace and mercy. We reflect on the words of Psalm 145 and recognize our shortcomings.

All Your works give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You.

Congregation – Yet, we confess that we have not always lived in gratitude or blessed Your name in all we do.

P – We have failed to speak of the glory of Your kingdom and to tell of Your power to those around us.

C – Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have been silent when we should have proclaimed Your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of Your kingdom.

P – Your kingdom is everlasting, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C – Yet, we often forget Your eternal rule and act as if we are in control. Forgive us for our pride and self-reliance.

P – You, LORD, uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.

C – But we confess that we have not always looked to You for support or lifted those who are struggling around us.

P – The eyes of all looks to You, and You give them their food in due season.

C – We confess that we have not always trusted in Your provision, and we have been anxious about our needs instead of looking to Your open hand.

P – You are righteous in all Your ways and kind in all Your works.

C – Yet, we acknowledge that we have strayed from Your righteous path and have not always shown kindness in our actions and words.

Pastor – Hear our confession, O LORD, and in Your mercy, forgive us. Help us to speak the praise of Your holy name and to bless You forever and ever. Amen. *(Brief silence)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name, he gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *(Mark 16:16; John 1:12)*

WORSHIP SONG – ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said amen whoa

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall

And He so loved the world

He sent His son to save us all

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

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BIBLE READINGS - (Deanna)

EXODUS 16:2-15

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ 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.”

⁴ 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. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶ 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, ⁷ 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?” ⁸ 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.”

⁹ 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.’” ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “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.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"^[a] 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."

JOHN 6:22-35

I Am the Bread of Life

²²On 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. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Do 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." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus 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. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

WORSHIP SONG – AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace***

 The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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MESSAGE – THE BREAD OF LIFE (*John 6:22-35*)

WORSHIP SONG (IN PREPARATION OF COMMUNION) – FATHER LEAD US TO YOUR TABLE

**Father, lead us to Your table,
We are hungry for Your food;
By your mercies still encouraged,
Now we come with gratitude.
Cleanse our careless thoughts and feelings,
Blot out sin, our lives renew;
Grant to us, by grace, forgiveness,
As we come to feast with You.
 Father feed us at Your table,
 As we share the Living Bread;
 Let redemption, life eternal,
 Grace the feast before us spread.
 Strengthened by Your presence daily**

**Bless'd we live each passing hour,
Touched by joy in our salvation,
Now we sing Your Spirit's power.**

**Father, send us from Your table,
To the ones who are in need,
To the lonely, seeking, sorrowing,
To the crowds who give no heed.
Father, lead them to Your table,
There to find Your joy and love.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the triune God above.**

'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS: "BE THE CENTRE" (Michael Frye); **"GOOD GOOD FATHER"** (Anthony Brown) **AND "O PRAISE THE NAME / ANASTASIS"** (Marty Sampson)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)

**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.**

BENEDICTION

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SONG - GOD SO LOVED

Come all you weary

Come all you thirsty

Come to the well that never runs dry

Drink of the water

Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners

Come find His mercy

Come to the table He will satisfy

Taste of His goodness

Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures

Bring your addictions

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting there

With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated

Now it is well I'm walking in freedom

For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God

From whom all blessings flow

Praise Him praise Him

For the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save

Bring all your failures

Bring your addictions

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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