

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas

**“I AM THE
BREAD OF LIFE.
WHOEVER COMES TO
ME WILL NEVER BE
HUNGRY”**

JOHN 6:35, NRSV



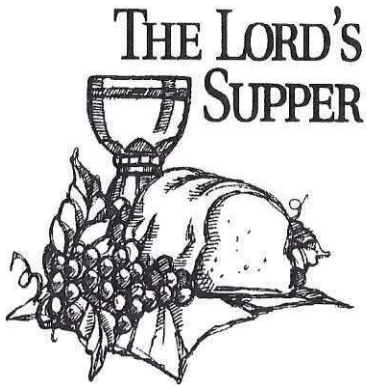
11th Sunday after Pentecost

“BREAD” FOR LIFE!

August 4, 2024

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "BREAD" FOR LIFE!

As God's people were traveling through the wilderness, God gave them "bread from heaven" (Exodus 16:4). In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus said to the Jews, and He says to us today: "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 . . . I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:32-33, 35) As we listen to God's Word, and as we eat the bread and drink the wine of holy communion, our Heavenly Father feeds us with His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we have "'bread' for life", even eternal life.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✚ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚

[“Divine Service: Setting One” from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav’n descending.
Touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You. Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word eternal, throned on high. Word that brought to life creation.
Word that came from heav’n to die, crucified for our salvation.
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are – our healer be. Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken. Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God’s tender love, one with God beyond all telling.
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling.
Word of truth, to all truth lead us. Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: 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 the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* A - - - men.

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 107:1-9

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

P: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

P: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

C: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

ALL: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Seek Ye First”

LSB 712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

ALL: Everlasting Father, you have given your Son Jesus as the bread of life for the world. Increase our hunger for him and our commitment to take him to all who hunger, until everyone knows the sustaining power of your forgiveness and love; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Exodus 16:2-15

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 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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Ephesians 4:1-16

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

Gospel Reading [ESV]

John 6:22-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

LSB 625

**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!**

Sermon

"BREAD" FOR LIFE!

Confession 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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

- P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blestest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✙ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✙

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

- P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**
- P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
- C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*
- C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name . . .

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* A - men.

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
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.**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

[Tune: LSB 644]

**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.**

**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.**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

**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, paschal 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!**

**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!**

**(STAND) 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!**

Song of Thanksgiving “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

[LSB 774]

**Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish.
Till with saints in heav’nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: Heavenly Father, you richly supply us with bread for our bodies and with the Bread of Life that feeds us to eternal life. Grant that we may share the bounty of today's food with the hungry and proclaim your life-giving Word to all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C: (sung) A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.**

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