

August 25, 2024

Lectionary 21, Year B

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Christopher Miller

Worship Assistant Harris Haugen

Tom Ersland, Guitarist



PRELUDE *Forever*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING LITANY

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ, we seek God's abundant
mercy.

Silence for reflection

P: God our Wisdom,

**C: We turn to our own understanding rather
than trusting in you. Turn us again to
you. Where else can we turn?**

P: God, our Truth,

**C: Share with us the words of eternal life,
and feed us for life in the world.**

P: God, our Provider,

**C: In Jesus—the manna from heaven, you
feed and nourish us.**

P: God, our Hope,

**C: Through Jesus—the bread of life, we are
forgiven and loved into abundant life.**

P: God, our Healer,

**C: By Jesus—worker of miracles, there is
always more than enough.**

P: God, our Peace, you show us mercy,
you forgive us, and love us abundantly.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *Canticle of the Turning* v.1-2 No. 723

Tom Ersland, Guitar

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of
the wondrous things that you bring to the ones
who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's
plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so
from east to west shall my name be blest. Could
the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near, and the world is about
to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work
great things in me, and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past to the end of the age
to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn, you will
show your might, put the strong to flight, for the
world is about to turn. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life
that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us
in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and
evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to
Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the
judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented
themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the
people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve
him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods
that your ancestors served beyond the River and in
Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling
to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will
serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the
region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites
in whose land you are living; but as for me and my
household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that
we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for
it is the LORD our God who brought us and our
ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house
of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

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He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us, all the peoples, the Amorites, who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 34:15-22 we read responsively

- L: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.
- C: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- L: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
- C: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**
- L: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from everyone.
- C: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**
- L: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- C: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20
Put on the armor of God

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. > >

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69
C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The Bread of Eternal Life

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.
C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

MESSAGE *PASTOR CHRISTOPHER MILLER*

HYMN *You Are the Way* No. 758

1 You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee; all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

2 You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart; you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

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3 You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm; and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

No. 477

I Received the Living God

Refrain

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

3 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

4 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. *Refrain*

5 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

No. 866

We Are Marching in the Light of God
Tom Ersland, Guitar

1 We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

2 We are singing ... etc.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Erica Aronson, Sandy Doehling
COFFEE SERVERS—?
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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Jennifer Lerfald, Lavon Underdahl, Kevin Hildebrandt,
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Calendar - This Week

Sun 8/25	9 AM WORSHIP Congregational Mtg aftr Worship 10 AM COFFEE
Wed 8/28	<i>NO Wed Worship</i>
Thu 8/29	7 PM AA
Sun 9/1	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>Pastor Wall Presiding</i> 10 AM COFFEE

JULY / AUGUST STEWARDSHIP FOOD DRIVE
for Kenyon Food Shelf: Food items, paper goods,
personal hygiene and cash donations are welcome.
Donation boxes are located at Church Entrances:
Narthex, Handicap and Office. Help us fill those
boxes to overflowing!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun, Sept 8 9 AM RALLY SUNDAY WORSHIP
*incl...cradle roll, 3rd Gr.bible & blessing of
backpacks. After Service: pancake feed,
Sun.School registration, family games,
face-painting, & fellowship.*

Sun, Sept 15 **No Worship at First Luth.**
10:30 AM WORSHIP / SUNSCH / LUNCH @ Holden
Park w/area churches. Bishop Hassanally leading
worship. In case of rain @ Holden Church. Bring
Lawn Chairs. Donate supplies benefiting Ruth's
House. See <https://ruthshousemn.org/>

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