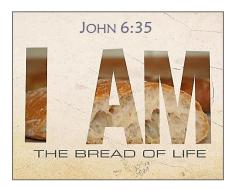
August 4, 2024

Lectionary 18, Year B 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Christopher Miller Worship Assistant Carmen Nesseth



PRELUDE

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.

- 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing" The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

The LORD gives manna in the wilderness

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; >>

then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

PSALM 78:23-29 Read Responsively

- L: So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
- C: raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.
- L: So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
- C: The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,
- L: raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
- C: letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.
- L: So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-16 Maintain the unity of the faith

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to

maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35 C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Christ the bread of life

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

MESSAGE PASTOR CHRISTOPHER MILLER

<u>HYMN</u> *v. 1,2,3* No.777

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

REFRAIN Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest."
 REFRAIN
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."

 REFRAIN

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

P: Merciful God, C: hear our prayer.

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. REFRAIN
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. REFRAIN
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.
 Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more.
 REFRAIN
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the life-giving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. REFRAIN

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.

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 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 and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore.

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Calendar - This Week

Sun 8/4	9 AM WORSHIP <i>Pr. Christopher Miller</i> 10 AM Coffee 3 PM BEAUCHENE WEDDING
Wed 8/7	NO OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN AUGUST
Thu 8/8	1 PM LOVE DAY
	7 PM AA
Sun 8/11	9 AM WORSHIP <i>Pr. David Wall</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

Outdoor Family Movie Night Wed Aug 14–8:15 pm hosted by FL Church, Open to the Public - Free Admission. Available for Purchase: Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Sweet Treats, Water, & Pop. All proceeds go to FLC.

Volunteers Needed/2 Sign Ups ¹bakers of sweet treats; ² helpers on movie night. Sign up sheets found at Church - narthex, nave and fellowship hall. Or Contact directly:

Bryana Lothert, ph. 507-210-0814 Email - sunrisekids2.0@gmail.com

FLCW Serving at Rose Fest Sat, Aug 17, from 11-2. Selling hot dogs, chips & water. There will also be a free Quilt Display for viewing from 10-2 in the nave. Anyone is welcome to bring a quilt to show.

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