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**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 8, 2021
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are found in the back.**

Prelude

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishnabe and Algonquin People.

Introduction

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Gathering Hymn #658 ELW – “O Jesus, Joy, of Loving Hearts”

Greeting - Page 138

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie– Page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Canticle of Praise – Page 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him,

and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading—Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon John 6:35, 41-51

How many of you have baked bread? Janet Hunt tells the story of her experience baking bread.

“I have been baking bread for as long as I can remember. It was a regular occurrence at the home I grew up in: the aroma of fresh baked bread.

It was, I'm told, an even more regular happening in the home my mother grew up in back in the time when bread could not be bought as easily as it can be today. My grandmother, whom I never knew, baked bread. My mother baked bread. And so do I.

And while it's true my choices for baking are not as restricted as that of my grandmother --- who baked bread in the heart of the Great Depression --

- so I'm told she always used water instead of milk. Bread is pretty basic. All you finally need is flour, a little salt, yeast, water, and maybe a little sugar or other sweetener. Patience and a decent oven help, too. Still, all in all, bread is pretty ordinary. Every culture enjoys some form of it. In fact, I understand that for more than 6,000 years, people the world over have been baking bread. ¹

And so it is that Jesus offers us today the image of bread as a way to better understand him. Indeed, his first listeners wondered, too, at the ordinariness of the man whose message they had come to hear. They wondered at who he thought he was --- this Jesus whose parents they knew so well. They wondered how one so much like them in so many ways could begin to think of tying himself to heaven when he says, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." Indeed, no doubt they wonder how it is he can make such extraordinary claims about something so ordinary: claiming to be the bread which will satisfy hunger and quench thirst for all of time.

As we read and hear the text this morning we must remember that it is John the evangelist who writes the story. On this the third of five weeks discussing lessons about the bread of life, John makes a shift from describing Jesus followers as "the crowds" to Jesus followers being called "the Jews". Jesus refers to himself "as the bread that came down from heaven, (v.41)" then a little bit later Jesus says to them, "Your ancestors are the manna in the wilderness and they died. (v.49)" I am sure you like I might ask the question, Why did Jesus not say "our ancestors" after all he was Jewish, as were his followers, including his mother Mary too. Jesus appears to be standing over and against "the Jews" as though he were not one of them. Manna you see has become a death sign while Jesus the life sign.

"I am the bread that came down from heaven...Do not complain among yourselves, "No one can come to me unless drawn by my father who sent me. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life."

This is a challenging comment for the followers of Jesus – and for us. One might think you don't just come to faith by yourself, through your own deduction, reasoning, and insight alone. You are wooed, invited, even cajoled.

At the same time this leads us to two controversial thoughts. (1) No one comes to the Father (who is drawing people to himself for the healing of the cosmos) except through the bread of life. (2) and adding insult to injury

¹Janet Hunt – dancing with the Word - <http://words.dancingwiththeword.com/2012/08/on-baking-bread-and-bread-of-life.html>

of current, narcissistic cultural norms, no one comes to Jesus unless God wants one to come.

How then should the church, and the “unconverted” of the world,, hear the gospel? According to Jesus, it is not our religious experience, our philosophical insight, the accident of our births, our economic status, nor most of all, God help us, our choice-that puts us in the realm of light that is the presence of Jesus within the community of faith.

Hear me now! WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE! It is grace that opens our eyes to see our sin and our need of the living God who is made known to the world in Jesus the Christ, the bread of life, the one who , when we go to him he will never leave us hungry again. When invited we can turn to him and have our thirst quenched from a living stream.

Today is a day in which we will experience the bread of life at the Lord’s table once more. It is also a day in which we celebrate another baptism. Shortly, Hanna Lyn Howarth will be baptized. She has done nothing to deserve this. God is choosing to come down and through the Holy Spirit and Water, God will claim her as part of his family. As a child of God Hanna will be granted God’s grace as her parents, grandparents and other Christians have been for centuries. Baptism is like that. God chooses to initiate a relationship freely even when we cannot communicate for ourselves. He loves us unconditionally.

There is a cost to such unconditional love. Jesus came as the bread of life so that in his death and resurrection we might experience new life. Such a giving act and with the endless love of God we should take time to share God’s love and our experience of it with others.

May the bread of life grant you his never-ending love and mercy.
Amen.

Hymn of the Day #542 ELW – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

Holy Baptism

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate present the candidates.

I present Hanna Lyn for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hanna Lynn baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child Hanna Lyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Hanna Lyn grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Hanna Lyn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Hanna Lyn and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

Parents, Sponsors and people of Zion, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so respond with "I renounce them."

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Baptism

Hanna Lyn Howarth I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Hanna Lyn Howarth child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick; especially, Florence, Jason, Richard, Heather, Vince, Aileen, Robert, Dorian, Ryan. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (*Dominic, name/s, and*) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be always with you

C: And also with you.

Offering

Please place offerings on the plate as you leave the church or feel free to drop off your envelopes at the church and you can also e-transfer offerings.

Offertory Hymn 884 ELW Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p.145)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p.145)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW P.146)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

**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, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymns #488 ELW – “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
#804 ELW – “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

Post Communion Prayer (ELW p. 146)

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body of blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord + look upon you with peace. **Amen.**

Hymn #793 ELW – “Be Thou My Vision”

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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News and Announcements:

Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers: Florence Felske, Jason Godin, Richard Hubert, Heather Miller, Vince Rabishaw, Aileen Roesler, Robert Schoof, Dorian Verch, Ryan.

Please Pray For The Newly Baptized; especially, this day we pray for little Hanna Lyn Howarth, her parents Brad & Taylor, and her sponsors Tanisha Gould, Bailey Schruder, and Rob Howarth, that may grow in God’s love and grace.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

We will be holding a short congregational meeting on Sunday August 15th immediately following the service. We have been approached by the St. Joseph's Food Bank to consider selling them a piece of our property where they will relocate the food bank. Before any further discussion can happen the congregation will need to approve these discussions. We will need a quorum of 50 members in attendance. Please set aside Sunday August 15th for this important meeting. Susan Dupuis Church Council Chairperson

RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE – SINGING AGAIN!

Zion has been worshipping in-person for the last number of weeks maintaining social distancing of 2 metres. **Entering Phase 3 we can sing again!** Masks must be worn while singing.

SERVICE BROADCAST ON COGECO

Cogeco Community Channel is now broadcasting Zion's services at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30pm (if it is not on at 12:30, it will be on at 1:30pm) on Sunday mornings a week later.

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR SCOTT

Please mark the afternoon of September 26 as busy on your calendar as we will be gathering for the official installation of Pastor Scott as called Pastor to serve Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke. The time will be announced soon.

GARAGE SALE

We are still planning to have our garage sale this fall sometime so if you have anything to donate please save it for us. If you want you can bring your donations over during office hours and Jean or Kevin can show you where to put them. The scheduled date for the garage sale is Saturday, October 16th.

UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Scott will be available at the church office during regular office hours – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Pastor Scott is available for backyard visits too. The church office phone number is 613-732-8792 or call Pastor Scott's cell phone at 705-313-0333

CAMP LUTHERLYN SUNDAYS

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Rally Sunday morning service at Camp Lutherlyn on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Today's Video Has Been Brought To You By Zion Lutheran Church's Production Crew:

Presider: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

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Today's Scheduled Worship Leaders

Counters: Diane Hammel, Pam Duplessis, Wilmer Verch

Ushers: Cindy Thrasher, Pam Duplessis

Sexton: Diane Hammel

This Week at Zion – August 9 - 15

Monday		Pastor Scott Camp Pastor @ Lutherlyn for this Week
Tuesday	7p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	7pm	Music Healing Vets
Sunday	10am	Pentecost 12 Worship Service with Holy Communion followed by Congregational Mtg.