

**AUGUST 8, 2021**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOMING WORD** *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.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

**C: let us exalt God's name together**

L: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

**C: happy are they who take refuge in God!**

**OPENING HYMN:** 328 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,2,3)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker

of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

## INVOCATION

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

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God,

**C: 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 LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4-8** <sup>4</sup>[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."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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."<sup>8</sup> He 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.

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:25--5:2** <sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves 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. <sup>29</sup>Let 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51** <sup>35</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They 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?'" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It 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. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I 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."

**MESSAGE** Pastor John Twiton

**SERMON HYMN: #734 - Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:* "Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER - Jesus, Bread of life, 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: 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*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**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. 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** *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again. Amen.*

### **CLOSING HYMN: #699 - Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Kyle Fargo, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Kristin Swedlund-Twiton, Mike Mackler (friend of Char Smith), Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Brufat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson

Our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

**NO ELC 'COFFEE TIME'** Coffee Time this week, we'll resume on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ELC T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE** We have new ELC t-shirts available for purchase. They are a dark green t-shirt with our ELC logo. \$5.00 per shirt, payable to ELC.

**ELC FAITH CONNECTION-** Our ELC Group on Facebook, *ELC Faith Connection*, is for everyone of all ages. This summer, keep your eyes open for 'hearts' you notice in nature. Share your photos on our Facebook group and we will draw names for gift cards to our local community before school begins. #heartsinthewild. Contact Brenda, if you need help connecting.



**GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Thriving on Thursdays)** - Middle - High school youth may join us on **Thursdays**, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities, such as helping at Second Harvest, River Food Pantry, Stewart Park, and a car wash for SABA International. **Our next Thursdays: July 29<sup>th</sup> and AUG**

**REGISTER online:** (watch times & locations for each day on sign up)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

**DONATIONS NEEDED** For our youth mission days, "Thriving on Thursdays", we are planning on making some tied fleece blankets for St. Vincent de Paul's housing program, and assembling meals for the Little Food Pantries in Mt Horeb. **Two ways to donate by July 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- **Blankets** need to be a twin size (60 in x 90 in); measure 2 ½ yds of fleece. Each blanket needs two pieces to be tied.
- **Food donations** Check on our signup link below to see the food items needed to complete two different recipes. If you have trouble connecting, please contact Brenda.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-meal>

**CAR WASH THANK YOU** - Thank you to everyone who helped support our car wash last week. Our youth raised funds for SABA International, as a part of our GIVE/LOVE/SERVE days.

## **DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST , 2021**

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding,

Monday, Psalm 81, God's appeal to stubborn Israel

Tuesday, 2 Peter 3:14-18, Peter's exhortation to faith

Wednesday, Jeremiah 31:1-6, The Joyful return from exile

Thursday, Psalm 34:9-14, Fear of the Lord

Friday, Romans 16:17-20, Paul's final word of instruction

Saturday, John 4:7-26, Jesus and the Samaritan woman

**TALK: Consider some of these ideas:** *"Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die."* John 4:49-50 After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

- What is the distinction Jesus makes between the miracle of manna and the bread of life?
- What more important gift than physical bread does Jesus offer?
- Can you sense the presence of God in ordinary things?

**PRAY: O 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.**

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