

SUNDAY- AUGUST 11, 2024 -9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 11, 2024 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

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.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #641 - All Are Welcome

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)

God, our provider, help us,

C - 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

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 *“Glory to God in the Highest...”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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 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.”⁸ 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 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.²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.²⁸ 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.²⁹ 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.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,³² and 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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

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

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 6,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Intern Zach Smirris

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: # 471 - Let Us Break Bread Together

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING –

OFFERTORY #186 “Create in me...”

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

(As the leader concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

+THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

FAREWELL & GODSPEED (insert)

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: # 723 - *Canticle of the Turning*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God’s grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ’s love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2024

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

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 81, God's Appeal to Stubborn Israel

Tuesday, 2 Peter 3:14-18, Final Exhortation

Wednesday, Jeremiah 31:1-6, The Joyful Return

Thursday, Luke 1:46-55, Mary's Song of Praise

Friday, Romans 16:17-20, Final Instructions

Saturday, John 4:7-26, Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"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." – John 6:51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign

- Have you ever felt restored to hope when you had previously been ready to give up? (1 Kings 19:5-6)
- Seeing or hearing are ways to experience spiritually but how do we taste God's goodness? (Psa 34:1-8)
- What is the distinction Jesus makes between the miracle of manna and the bread of life? (John 6:35, 41-51)

PRAY: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all 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. Amen.

SERVICE OF FAREWELL & GODSPEED

P: Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Member of internship committee:

When we welcomed you, Zach, last fall to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb, it was our joy and blessed privilege to extend to you the hand of Christian fellowship.

Today in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have faithfully confessed before this altar, we wish you Godspeed as you return to your home back at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Zach and Tuesday, God has blessed you in this fellowship, and God has blessed us through you, in your faithful attendance at worship as a member of ELC. We thank God for who you are and what you did among us, for us and with us. Zach, God has blessed you to be a blessing to us in your faithful service as our intern. May you be blessed, glorifying God in all things.

Presiding minister: Let us pray

Almighty God, You are present with power in every place. Listen with kindness to the petitions which we offer in behalf of Zach & Tuesday who are now leaving us: shield and protect them from all evil; guide them in the right way, and bless their going out and coming in; give strength to obey Your will in the work which You are preparing to give them to do, and grant that, being united in fellowship with You, we may meet again and ultimately meet before Your Throne in Heaven and be united in Your love forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Lord go; Before you to show you the way; Behind you to encourage and inspire you; Beside you as your Faithful Friend; Above you to watch over you; Within you to give you peace; In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.