

+The Office of Matins+

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost | August 11, 2024 | 9AM



St. John reclines upon our Lord at the Last Supper.

The Bread that I Will Give For the Life of the World Is My Flesh

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

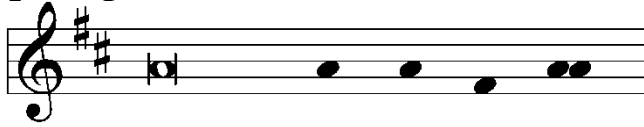


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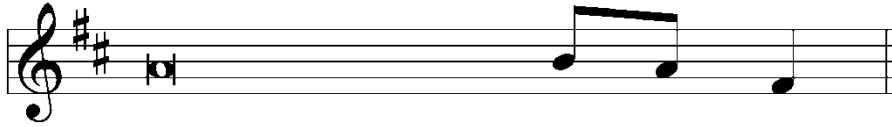
When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

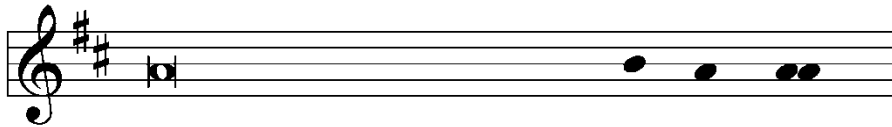
The Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



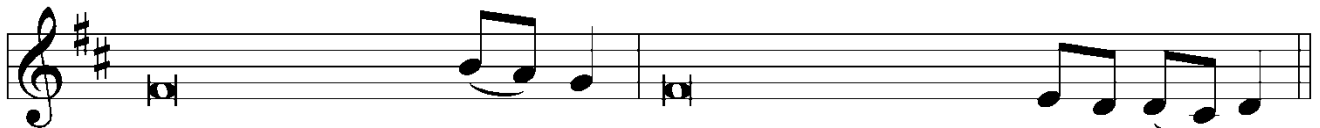
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



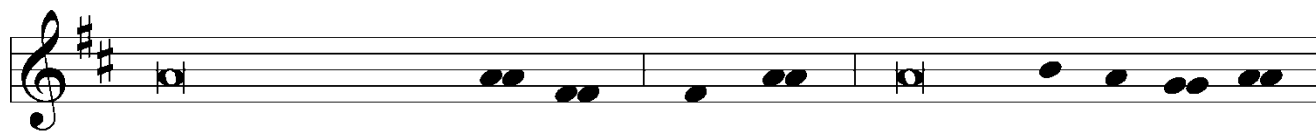
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



The Psalmody



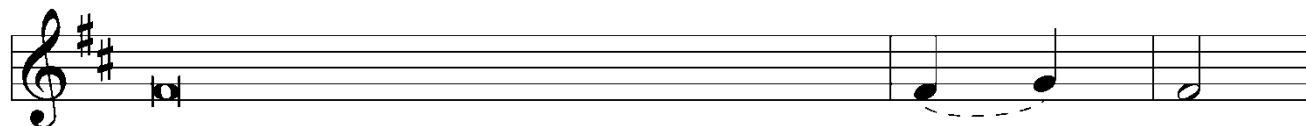
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



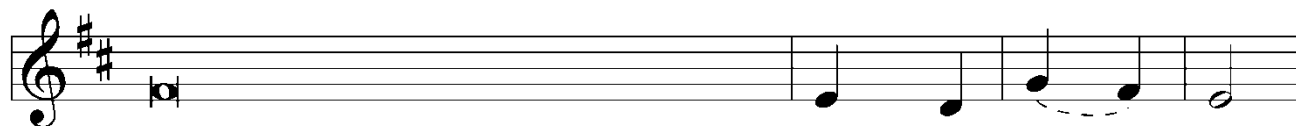
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

The Venite

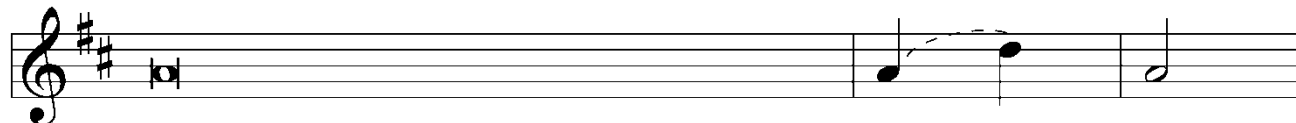
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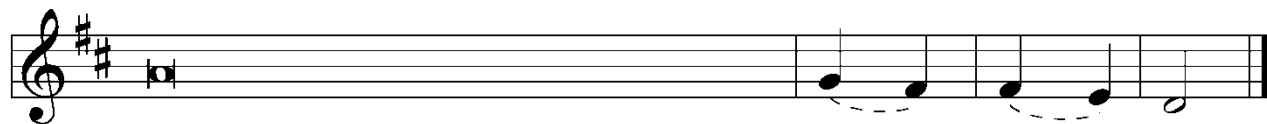
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



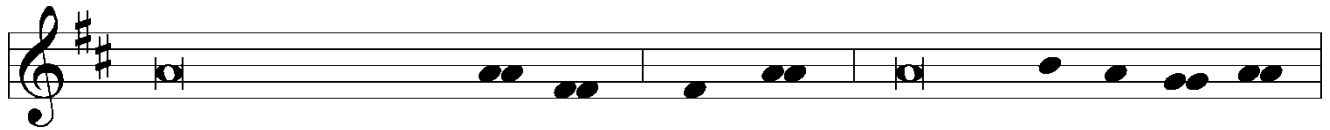
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalms

Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
- ⁸**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.**



The Readings

Reading

1 Kings 19:1–8

L A reading from 1 Kings, chapter 19.

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Ephesians 4:17—5:2

L A reading from Ephesians, chapter 4.

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of

your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 6:35–51

L A reading from John, chapter 6.

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will 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 he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers 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. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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To Refrain

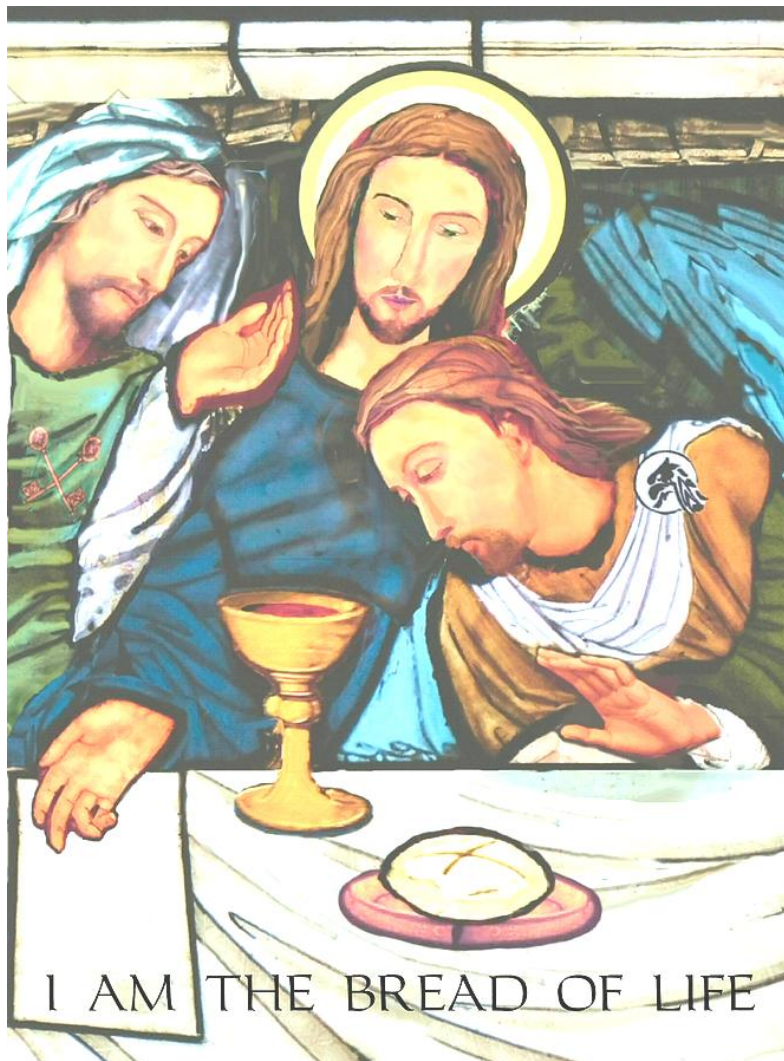


- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Sermon



Stand

Canticle

The Te Deum Laudamus | 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

Sit

The Offering

Prayer

*Stand. Pastor speaks the Announcements of the Church and Prayer of the Church here.
Then shall be sung:*

The Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Collect of General Intercession

Almighty and everlasting God, who are worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give You most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, You have bestowed upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved unto us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. We beseech you, O Lord, to preserve and extend Your Kingdom of Grace and to grant unto Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors, who shall preach your Word with power; and help all who hear rightly to understand and truly to believe it.

Bestow Your grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat You to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause Your glory to dwell among us and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Your care all our schools and pray You to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper everyone in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless, the helper of the sick and needy, and the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

And, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work You have given us to do while it is day; before the night comes when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Your power and receive us into Your everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Collect for Grace

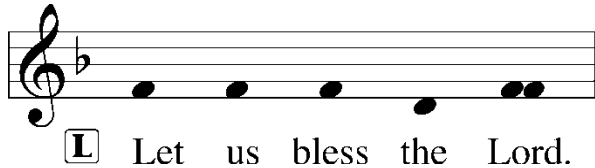
- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all

our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



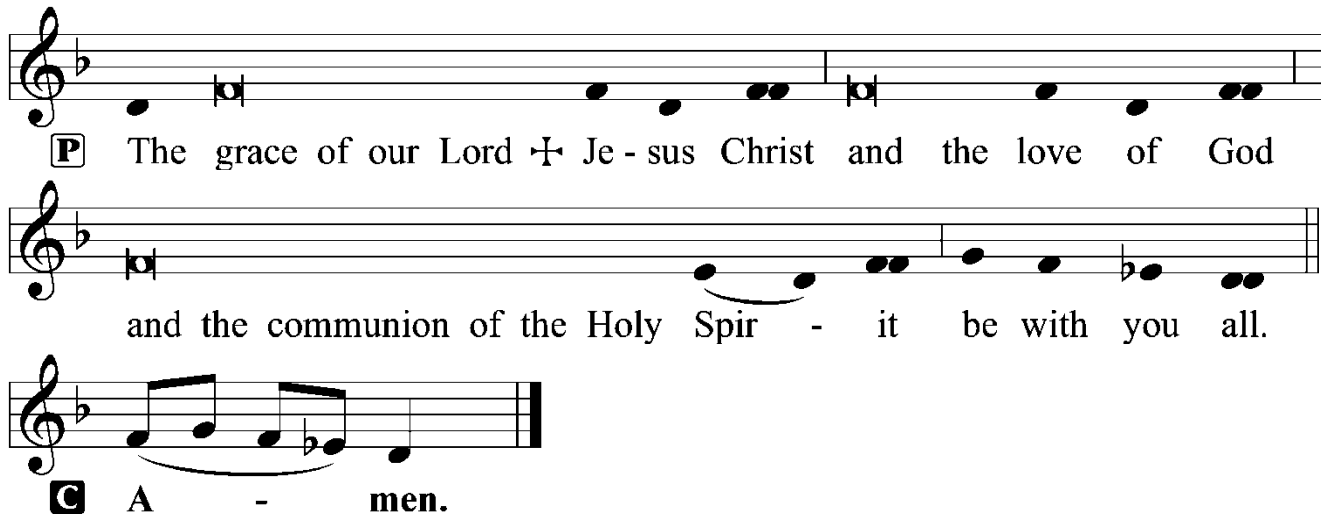
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Passing out Sunday School materials

Hymn to Depart | 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



The Bread That I Give For the Life of the World is My Flesh

A Mediation on the Word of God | John 6:35-51

In today's Gospel, Jesus sharpens and clarifies what he means when he speaks of himself as 'the Bread of Life.' He says, **the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.**

Now what on earth could he be talking about?

As Christians we know of a bread which is simultaneously, at the same time, the flesh of Jesus. As Christians, we know of a cup which is simultaneously, at the same time, wine, and the blood of Christ. St. Paul says, **the bread which we break, is this not a participation in the body of Christ? And the cup of blessing which we bless, is this not a participation in the blood of Christ?** [1 Cor. 10:16] And so, when Jesus says in this important v51, **the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh**—he says bread; he says flesh; and we cannot help but to think of the Lord's Supper.

How do we receive this Bread of Life? Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. The answer: by faith. V40, **this is the will of my Father that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day.** And, v47, **Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.**

When we come to the Lord's Supper, there are two kinds of eating and drinking that go on here. There is the physical eating and drinking, which happens when we chew the bread and swallow the sip of wine, which is Christ's body and blood. But there is the spiritual eating and drinking of faith. That is, when we come to the altar trusting Christ's word, believing what he teaches about this sacred mystery: that what he is giving us is the very flesh crucified on Calvary's cross, and the blood which was poured out—the crucifix helps us to remember that—also, through these sacred means, he is forgiving our sins, uniting us together as his body, and giving us eternal life. **'I will raise him up on the Last Day.'**

So here is where you and I receive the Bread of Life: not only through the physical eating and drinking, but also through faith. In fact, the only way in which the Lord's Supper will benefit us is if we receive it in faith. Here, we remember our Catechism: *Who is worthy to receive this (the Sacrament of the Altar)? Answer: fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training, but that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you.'* For the words 'for you' require all hearts to believe. So the only way the Sacrament will benefit us at all, is if we receive it in faith. St. Paul goes as far as to say, the one who eats and drinks apart from faith not actually eats and drinks to their spiritual harm.

So, do you believe? Maybe your faith is weak. Remember that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not instituted for the strong in faith only (as if any of us were strong in and of ourselves), but it was instituted for weak and struggling sinners just like us, that through it, God might draw us to his Son Jesus, and strengthen our faith in him. Jesus said, **Whoever comes to me, I will in no wise cast out.** Come clinging to that promise, and you have it. It's yours!

Announcements

St. Paul

Sunday School materials. Today after the Benediction pastor will call our Sunday School students by name to receive their materials for the year. We give kindergartners the Story Bible, 2nd graders the Lutheran Study Bible, 4th graders the Lutheran Service Book (hymnal), and Sixth Graders the Catechism. If any of you are these ages or older but are missing a material you need, talk to Pastor Yeager and he will get your material free of charge. Thank you.

Ladies Aid business meeting is this Thursday, August 15th at 7PM. It is also LWML so bring your mites! Any ladies in the congregation are invited to join.

SCRIP Note. Karmen Elwer and Alisha Bulmahn are the new SCRIP representatives and will have SCRIP available after the services each week. Your purchase of SCRIP helps our school complete much needed projects through the PTL. Thank you for buying SCRIP!

Right-to-Life Banquet. The 27th Annual Fall Banquet of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will be October 14, 2023 at the Coliseum in Ft. Wayne (5:30 doors open; 6:30 dinner). The speaker is Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in the Passion of the Christ. If anyone is going, I would join you (Pastor Yeager). \$50/ticket.

Youth

Middle School Youth Events

Sunday, August 18; 12 noon – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake

The current plan for the Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark is to meet in the St. John, Bingen parking lot at 12 noon on Sunday, August 18 and carpool to Berne. The cost for youth is \$5. Chaperones are free as always. You may bring food and beverages in a cooler to be consumed at the picnic tables near the parking lot at Pine Lake. You may also bring additional cash to purchase concessions such as hamburgers, nachos, ice cream, etc.

Sunday, September 8; 12 noon – Tin Caps Game – Season Finale

We will leave at 12 noon from the Bingen parking lot for the 1:05 p.m. game. We plan to return around 5 p.m. Please let your pastor know if you're going by August 11.

High School Youth Activities

Sunday, August 18; 12 noon – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake see above

Sunday, September 8; 12 noon – Tin Caps Game – Season Finale see above

Sunday, September 22; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

Wyneken

SPI vs. Wyneken BBQ Cook off: this event is our back to school event. It will be **Saturday, August 17th starting 2PM** in the grove at St. John, Bingen (across from Wyneken). Food:

BBQ, water and lemonade provided; families are invited to bring a side dish or dessert, and beverages of their choosing. Activities: inflatables, corn-hole, volleyball, ladder-golf, or bring your own. Activities begin at 2PM with food and judging starting at 4PM. Food warmers and coolers will be provided to help keep any dishes you bring ready to serve. Please bring your own lawn chairs, tables, and tableware if possible—a limited amount will be available.

Annual reports for Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School can be found in the narthex.

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick & Recovering:** Dawn Witt; Dick Borne; Les Smith.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Jessica Gavrun, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling (all at Woodcrest); Gene Bulmahn (at Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Randy Wefel, Marlin Scheumann, Theo Friedt, Doug Miller, Alisha Bulmahn, Ralph Selking, Kenzie Mesing.

Acolyte 8/11

9AM Max Nussbaum

Attendance

7PM 7/31	20	9AM 8/4	135
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Stewardship

Offering: \$5,172.60	Online: \$1,107.60	Total: \$4,065.00
vs. weekly goal: -\$2,315.40	vs. YTD: -\$12,962.89	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 11th

9AM The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

9AM Passing out of Sunday School materials

Wednesday, August 14th

7PM Vespers

Thursday, August 15th

7PM Ladies Aid business meeting/LWML

Sunday, August 18th

9AM The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.