



August 4, 2024 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

The day before Jesus had miraculously fed the crowd. The next day, they wanted more. But Jesus had a surprise for them. He knew they needed something more than food for their stomachs. Thus, Jesus declared to all, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." We come to church perhaps expecting to connect with friends, sing songs, and get on with our summer activities; instead we get Jesus, the bread of life, to feed us with forgiveness, with hope, and with renewed energy to feed the world, both body and soul.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution *Ephesians 4:1-3, 5-6*

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and His forgiving grace.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: Paul urges us in today's Epistle "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

All: But we do not always fulfill our calling. We confess that at times we have refused to be humble or gentle. Our patience has been lacking. We have dealt with one another in anger. We have valued ourselves over the unity of the Spirit. In our fallen condition, we cannot free ourselves; so we can only call out to God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor: Paul reminds us that there is one Lord, who has created us and all things; there is one faith in Christ, who by His death has paid for our sins and by His rising has opened the way to eternal life; and there is one Baptism, by which the Holy Spirit has brought us to faith in the one God and Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Words and music in the hymnal--LSB page 204*)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (*The Israelites grumble about the scarcity of food, and God lavishes them with quail and manna.*)

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning

you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.¹¹ The LORD said to Moses,¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 (*Paul addresses several issues including: our calling, unity in the church, and being gifted for service.*)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 6:22-35 (*John writes about what happened the day after Jesus miracle of feeding the 5000.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone.²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"²⁶ Jesus

answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given 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 the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: "Blessed Jesus, Living Bread" (*Melody LSB 496*)

**Blessed Jesus, living Bread,
By Your self our souls are fed:
Give us all the eyes to see
All that You were sent to be.**

**Word of God by which we live:
What we hunger for You give—
For the body and the soul,
Life with God, life new and whole.**

**All we ever need and more,
Flowing from Your boundless store;
At Your table ev'ry guest
Sees Your mercy manifest.**

**We are in that crowd You fed
With Your blest, abundant Bread.
Moved by every human care,
Bless the Bread we eat and share.**

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Sermon: John 6:22-35 "The Bread Of Life"

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Offerings

The Communion Confession

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess: *(1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42; 1Cor. 11:23-32)*

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. *(Augsburg Confession-Article X)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation through the saving work of Jesus Christ, the true bread of life, who feeds us and strengthens us for our daily lives, who grants us good things, and who directs us in ways of peace. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your benediction now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy *(Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You now for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, the bread of life, to give us assurance of Your fatherly care so that we may live without fear. Through lives that are directed by Your Holy Spirit, grant that we embody the good

confession of our faith in Christ as our Lord and Savior as we await the promised eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei---Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"
LSB 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Nunc Dimittis—Song of Simeon (*Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
- 2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of August 4, 2024

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Trinity, Nevada - Rev. Johannes Brann

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

The family of Sally Lynn – (Mother of Joe Lynn – peace and comfort on her passing)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother - health and healing)

Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing from surgery)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Sally Lynn – (Joe Lynn's mom – health and healing)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jane Goodman – (Health and healing)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Sally Lynn – (Joe Lynn's mom – health and healing)

Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing) Jeff
Tabatha Packwood - (health & healing)
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Bill Thompson – (health and healing from pneumonia and allergies)
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

Long Term

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Ben Schumacher – (Peace and comfort from Parkinson's disease)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
Bob Hess – (health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing, cancer)
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health & healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing, cancer)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday August 4th
9:00 am - Happy Half Hour
9:30 am - Fellowship
10:00 am – Service with Communion

Monday August 5th
NO Braille
LWML Salad Supper in Freistatt - 6:00 pm

Wednesday	August 7th	Pastor in Office
Thursday	August 8th	Pastor in Office
Sunday	August 11th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service

Birthdays: Doug Goodman-Aug. 7; Linda Myers-Aug. 10
Anniversaries: David & Nancy Hoaglan-Aug. 10

Services for Sally Lynn: She died Sunday, July 28. There will be a graveside service at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6 at Knob Noster Cemetery in Knob Noster.

A new Basic LERT certification class is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024. It will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Aurora, Mo. The time will be from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training Event is for new or renewing/reviewing volunteer certification. Enables volunteers to be received at disaster clean up sites. Prepares groups to be on damage are in need of assistance. And to be prepared to conduct Local Missions of Mercy in their community. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A registration fee of \$35 per person will pay for lunch, training materials, certificate, LERT volunteer T-shirt. Your LERT Trainer will distribute all materials for the class.

Please send registration fees to "Grace Lutheran Church", 1120 S. Park Ave, Aurora, MO 65605.

Please note "LERT Training August 24, 2024" on your check. Questions? Please contact Kris Schuldt on pitchatent@centurytel.net.

To register for the class, create an account on the LCMS-LERT.org website by clicking on the green button in the upper right hand area of the home page that says "Sign Up" and then after you have created an account go back into the system, click on "Training & Deployments" and locate the class and register for the class and click on "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

August

GREETERS:

8/04: Edee Chambers & Emily Ernest
 8/11: Charlie & Edee Chambers
 8/18: Bob & Rachel Sanford
 8/25: Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

8/04: Charlie Chambers
 8/11: David Lampe
 8/18: Harold Lampe
 8/25: Rob Springer

The **LWML will have their annual salad supper on Monday, August 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall at Freistatt. All women are invited to come. Our speaker this year is Diane Ross, from Cassville, and her daughter. They are members of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter in Barry County. This group (SHP) makes beds for children who have no bed and have been sleeping on the floor. Our LWML makes and donates quilts for these beds. If you have any questions, please contact Edith.

Trinity Lutheran School – Freistatt: We are currently seeking funds for the Trinity Lutheran School scholarship program. In the last decade our enrollment has increased from 56 to 148 (projected for 24-25). Along with the blessed increase in enrollment, we have seen an increased need for

scholarships. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by July 31. All funds raised for the scholarship program are used to insure a Lutheran Christian education is possible for all families who seek it. Checks can be mailed to TLS at 218 N Main St, Freistatt, MO 65654. Be sure to put "scholarship" in the memo. **Also:** We are currently searching for a part-time music and/or PE teacher for the 24-25 school year. See the flyer on the bulletin board.



Trinity

Lutheran Church

150 year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Freistatt, MO: Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2024. There is a dinner on Sunday the 8th. See the flyer on the bulletin board for how to sign up. RSVP no later than August 15, 2024.