

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 4, 2018

5:00 PM

GIVING THANKS TO GOD THROUGH WORSHIP



Welcome! We hope that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves you most – Jesus Christ! We invite all worshipers today to fill out the Fellowship Pew Pad during the offering portion of worship. You are also invited to make a prayer request on the green card, which is in the pew rack and then place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We pray God’s blessings upon you and invite you to worship with us every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

AS WE GATHER WE PRAY

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The paraments are green, which is the symbolic color of life in nature and so represents our spiritual life in God’s kingdom of Grace.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (August 5 – August 11)

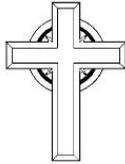
Martin Luther’s Explanation to The Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer.

“God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”

WELCOME

✠ SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING ✠

Lutheran Service Book, Page 260



The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** [*Psalm 118:24*]

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** [*Psalm 113:3*]

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.** [*Psalm 84:10*]

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.** [*Psalm 25:4*]

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.** [*John 17:17*]

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **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.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” – LSB 610*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit.

People: **Holy Triune God, thank You for the grace You so freely pour out on us and we pray that You continue to be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 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.”

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.”

Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

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.

The LORD said to Moses, “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.’”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. 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.” (*NIV*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** (*Responses are spoken*)

NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 4:1-7, 11-13

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make

every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 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. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise

“Seek Ye First” – LSB 712

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

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.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

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. 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.”

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

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. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

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.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN *“Thine Forever, God of Love”* – LSB 687

THE SERMON

John 6:33: *“It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

Please rise

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – LSB 805

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’ny host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Pastor: For the Church, that she may steadfastly proclaim the irrevocable gifts and calling of God, that the disobedient may receive mercy, and that those who hear may become branches grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For Zion congregation, that we may bring offerings and sacrifices of praise that are acceptable to God; that we would be a house of prayer for all people; and that through us God would gather in the lost and outcast, the widowed and orphaned, and all who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the government and those who protect us, that they may keep justice and do righteousness; that they may carry out their duties in accord with God's will; and that our country would be blessed with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the sick and afflicted [*and particularly for all who have asked for our intercessions, especially _____*], for those beset with grief and sorrow, for those in pain or trouble, that the Lord may answer those who call on Him according to His will and have mercy on all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING (*Please be seated*)

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

Because we value your presence in worship and desire to serve you as best as we can, please use this time to complete the Fellowship Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Prayer requests may be made by filling out the green card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together,

People: Almighty God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that we may be opened to the goodness of Your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

[Matthew 6:9-13]

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*

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. *[Numbers 6:24-26]*

People: Amen.

HYMN "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*" – LSB 924

POSTLUDE



Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.

It is revolutionary.

Therefore, it must be intentional.