

St. John 6:35

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life  
Whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever  
Believes in Me shall never thirst.”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2024

Holy Communion 10:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn                      *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*                      (ELW) No. 632

\*The Confession and Forgiveness                      (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting                      (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)                      (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise                      *This is the Feast*                      (ELW) page 140

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty, eternal God, Your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out Your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 145:10-21

<sup>10</sup>All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

<sup>11</sup>**They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,**

<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.** [The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.]

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>**He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.**

<sup>20</sup>The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Allelula, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Allelula. Allelula.**

\* The Gospel

John 6:22-35

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Break Now The Bread of Life*

(ELW) No. 515

\*The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(SBH) No. 27

\*The Great Thanksgiving

(ELW) page 144

\*The 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.**

Lamb of God

(ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn

*I Am The Bread of Life*

(ELW) No. 485

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*

(ELW) No. 712

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Sending Hymn

*Be the Love of Christ*

Postlude

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

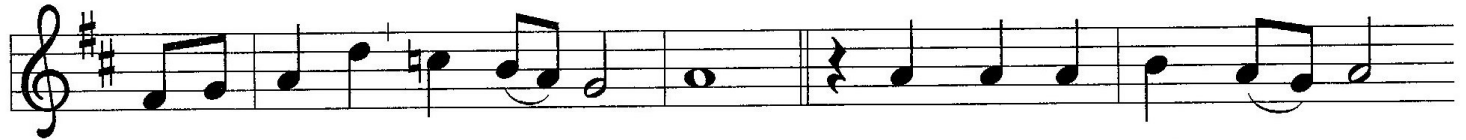


5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

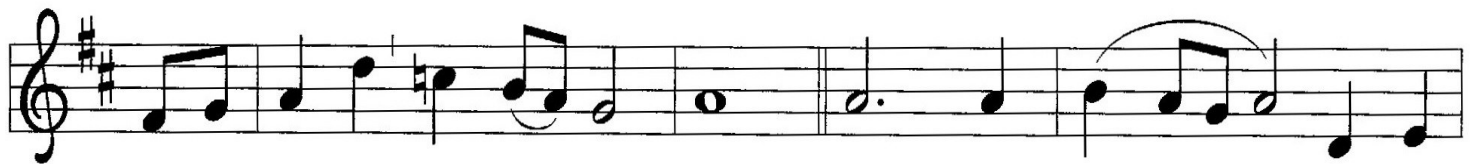


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

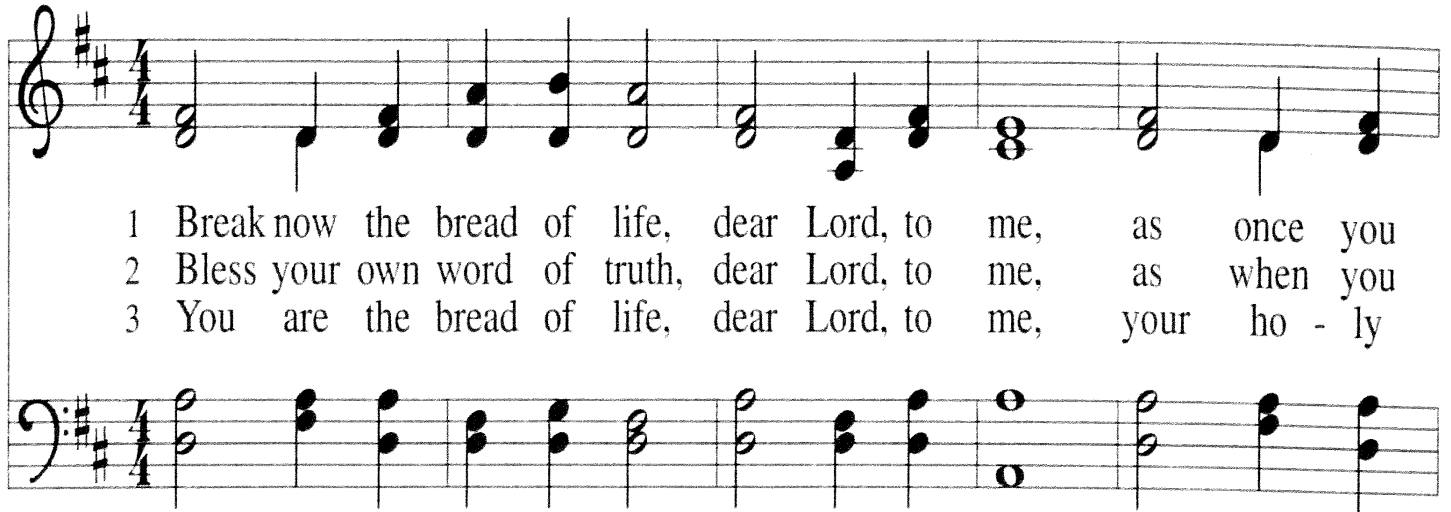


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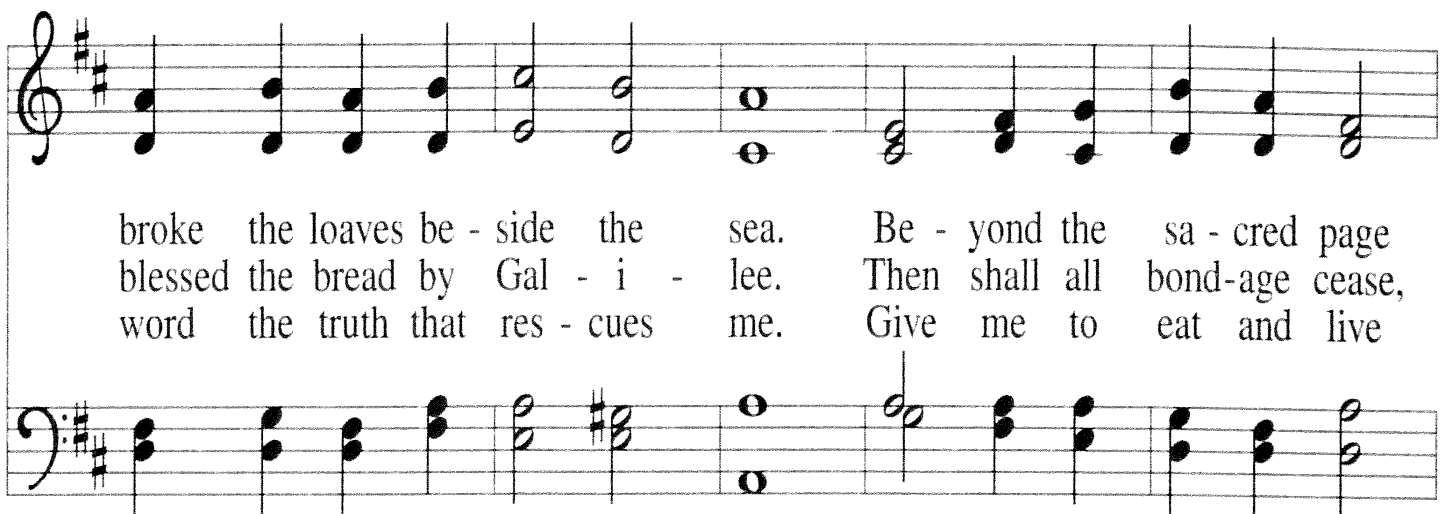


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a B-flat major key signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system on the page concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

# I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, c - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

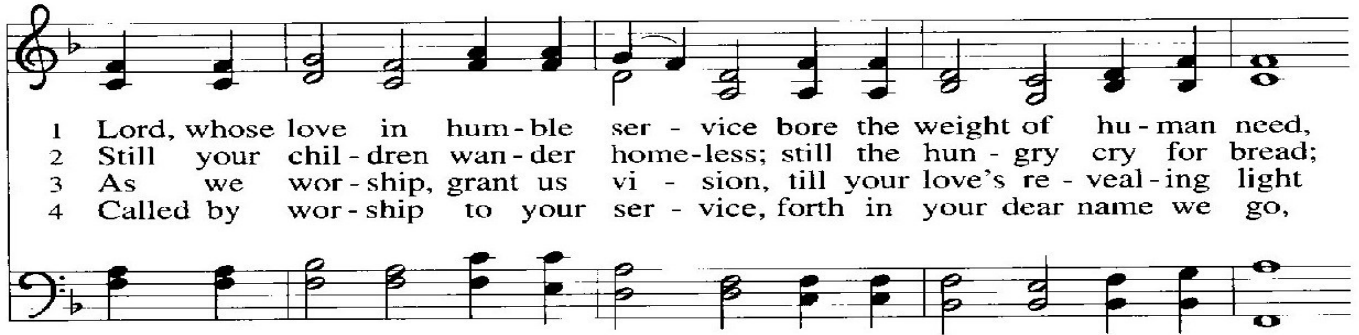
Refrain

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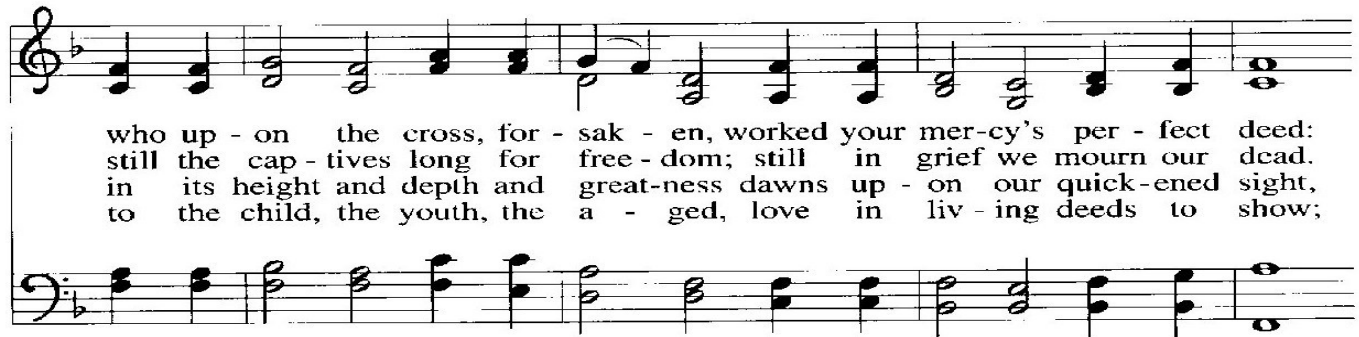


"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,






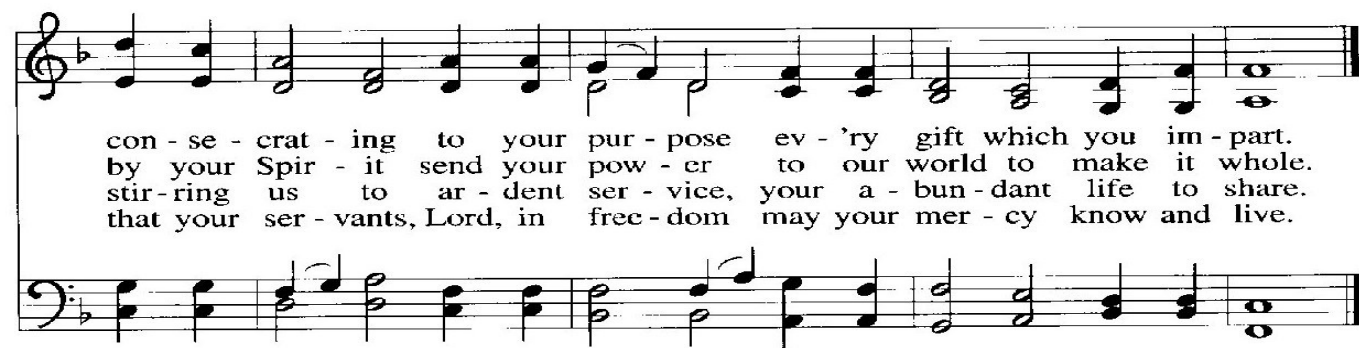
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God.

**The Lay Reader** is Dennis Schmidt.

**Acolytes** are .Jacin and Trevor Flowers.

**Counters/Greeters** today are D. Schmidt and

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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***Please pray for those in need of healing:***

Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Lori Mauer, Mark Black, Kenny & Josh Carl, John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Holly Davis, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Dombrowsky, Firefighter Zach Correll, Bonnie Bird, Judi, Lenny, Sandy, Lawrence Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Firefighter Adam Wright, Noah Walker, Amy Verderber, Dan & Lisa Heynes, Amanda Laib, Sandra Hebrank, Sonie Rea, George Salvucci, Jennifer Sasek, Larry Zimmerman, and Jean Shearer-Lucas.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Monday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

#### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) – August 4, 2024

<sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” -John 6:32-33-

When my son began eating solid foods, it was exciting! He seemed to love just about anything I set in front of him. It didn't take long, and he began to gag every time he ate solids. He couldn't keep anything down, and from about 9 months old, he stopped growing and gaining weight. His pediatrician was baffled, so she sent him to a pediatric gastroenterologist, who could do further testing on our son. At 14 months old, we learned that he had an autoimmune disorder called Celiac Disease. His body could not break down the protein of gluten properly. So our son had a new diet to follow, which avoided wheat, barley, and rye. That meant no bread for our son.

We found it difficult to keep him feeling satisfied after a meal. He loved green beans—he'd eat a whole can in one sitting! But he wasn't too keen on gluten-free bread just yet. That eventually changed. He's now a healthy 12-year-old boy, and his gluten-free diet is his way of life. Bread is staple on any table around the world. In Latin American countries, tortillas are served with every meal. Any country you visit, there is some form of bread served because it satisfies. It helps us feel full, so we continue with whatever tasks need to be done.

That was manna for the Israelites. It satisfied and provided earthly sustenance. Jesus is speaking to a crowd of people in John, chapter 6. These verses come from what is commonly referred to as the “Bread of Life Discourse,” which covers John 6:22-71. The crowd is mistaken. They think the manna their ancestors received came from Moses, but Jesus corrects them. The manna came from God. God provided an earthly need for his people. How often do we fail to give God the glory for what he has done for us? I believe God provided us with the right doctors to diagnose our son. Otherwise, our son could have failed to thrive, which could have led to developmental problems down the road. Bread, manna, gluten free bread are good. We need food to survive this life. But just as Jesus was teaching the crowd of people, we must remember that the bread of this earth is temporary. If it's left out, it will mold or rot. So Jesus teaches about another bread that God provides, one that we need more than manna or earthly bread. Jesus is talking about the “Bread of Life.” He's talking about himself. Only God can give us life everlasting through the life and death of Jesus Christ. He is the true bread from heaven. He is the Bread of Life, and only he can provide this life through the gift of faith.