



Christ the King Lutheran Church

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

9:30 am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".*
- *Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴ raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.

²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶ The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,

²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸ letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.

²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. 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

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.

Amen

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

Hymn of Praise *Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

*Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

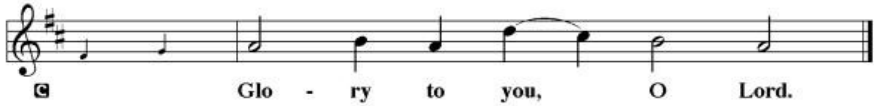
***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

***Gospel:** The gospel according to John 6: 24-35



Many of the five thousand people Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest, fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus

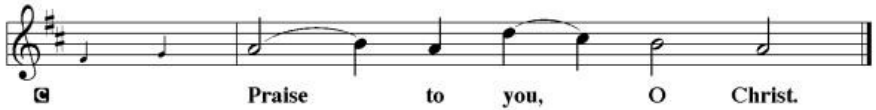
²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave 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 that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Good News of the Lord



Children’s Song *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* **ELW 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

Repeat

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Children’s Message Laura

Sermon Pastor Karen

Hymn of the Day *What Feast of Love* **ELW 487**

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Brief Silence

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering

ELW 692


**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

***Offering Prayer**


Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.**

Amen


*The Great Thanksgiving




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

And so.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

We Are All One in Christ

ELW 643

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,
**we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.**

Amen

Announcements

***Blessing**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever.

Amen

***Sending Hymn** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536 vs 1,3

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Gary M. (husband of Joan M) for strength and healing as he recovers from surgery.

Ken C. (brother to Kathy B) for strength and healing as he battles cancer.

Kris B. (son of Kathy and Ian) for strength and healing as he has back surgery.

Duane E. (father of Nancy E.) for strength and healing as he deals with health issues.

Anna B. (mother of Michelle F) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

Grant L. (nephew of Paula and Carl S.) for strength and healing as he deals with medical issues.

ONGOING PRAYERS: *Grace Lutheran Church* our prayer partners

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

August 4 - Three Guys August 11—Blanchard/Chaffin

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Aug 4, 9 am-11 am—Food donation drop-off WSC

Tuesday, Aug 5, 6:30—Book Club

Wednesday, Aug 7, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Thursday, Aug 8, 6:00 PM — Council Meeting

Sunday, Aug 4, 9:45 am — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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