

## Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Introduction to the Day

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

**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.

### Welcome

#### 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.**

### Gathering Hymn

### “Baptized in Water”

#456

#### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord and be radiant,

and let not your faces be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord  
and delivers them.

**<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Gospel – John 6:35, 41-51**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

People of God, grace to you and peace from God, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN

Pastor Josh is on vacation this week. Pastor Becca Holland will be filling in for him on Sunday.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

### **Hymn of the Day**

**“I Am the Bread of Life”**

**#485 vs. 1,2,3**

### **Apostle's Creed**

#### **Prayers**

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.*

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, (*and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer,*) root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries (*especially*). We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill (*We pray especially for Matt, Clarice, Steve, Kathy, Val, Cherri, Peggy, John, Judy, Keith and JoJo, Bob and Joanne, Frank and Heather, Bob and Sonja, Bill and Betty, Tom and Kay, Sherm and Mary, Dan and Sharon, Roger and MaryLee*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**Peace  
Offering**

**Offertory 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**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymns #471 & #48**

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

**Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**Sending**

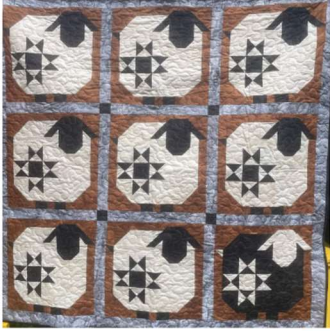
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

**Okay! We will! Thanks be to God.**

And all of Good Shepherd said,

**“AMEN”**

## Your Generosity in Action:



Once all gifts were tallied we were able to support the ministry of Luther Park Bible Camp to the tune of \$3,000! Couple that with our 2nd Quarter Mission Offering and that \$5,000 supporting LPBC this summer! Gifts toward the quilt effort came from far beyond the walls of Good Shepherd, and showed the generous support of a community that truly cares for LPBC.

## THANK YOU!!

Monthly Financials to date:	Total Revenue	Total Expenses	Difference
	<b>\$6,528</b>	<b>\$6,691</b>	<b>-\$163</b>
	2023: \$20,879	2023: \$18,137	Checkbook Available thru Aug. 7 \$19,872

## Welcome Back Sunday and Fall Program Kickoff 2024

Sunday, September 8

Come for worship and stick around for fellowship and activities for all ages!

More details soon!

