

REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 A.M.



I am
the Living Bread

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9:30am Erica Strojny



Are given to the Glory of God!

I will
WALK BY FAITH
even when
I can not see



Sending Song:

“Go Ye Therefore”

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations,

Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations, Go!

Announcements & Sharing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Put on your calendar:

August 18~ Council Meeting 7pm

August 24~ Book Club 7pm

Altar flowers are still available for the following dates: Sept. 19,

Oct. 17,24,31, Nov. 7~ Please sign the poster in the Narthex. The cost is \$26 for 2 bouquets. Mark on your envelope what date they are for, a separate check or cash is preferred.

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“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”

Aug. 15, 2021

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Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can’t help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Prelude: “He Reigns”

Welcome

(Please stand as able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

C: 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.

P: 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 Song: "Beneath the Tree of Life"
Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life

Greeting

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.**

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word; let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen (*Congregation sings refrain*)

The Prayer of the Day

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

The First Reading is from the 9th Chapter of Proverbs

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

*Words of Institution**Lord's Prayer: To Be Sung*

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen**

Invitation to Holy Communion

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

(*Please remain standing*)

*Distribution of Holy Communion**Communion Song:* "Lamb Of God"

A: Have mercy on us. **C: Have mercy on us.**

After last verse A: Grant us your peace. **C: Grant us your peace.**

Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: 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

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with (*Mary, mother of Jesus, and*) all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

C: 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.

(Please stand as able)

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song:

"Morning Has Broken"

Red book #556

The Second Reading is from the 5th Chapter of Ephesians

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor sings verse

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

Jesus said, ⁵¹"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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" red book #469

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**