

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Whoever Comes to Me Shall
Not Hunger



Whoever Believes in Me Shall
Never Thirst.”

AS WE GATHER

Have you ever heard the phrase “Can’t see the forest for the trees”? It means to be so caught up with the smaller focuses (the trees) that a grander picture (the forest) is not noticed. After Jesus miraculously fed the multitudes of people, they struggled to see the forest for the trees. Many marveled, and rightfully so, at their earthly needs met through Christ’s power. Yet, Jesus came for more than providing meals and filling stomachs. He came to provide the greater things of forgiveness and eternal life. Through His teaching, people then and we now learn more of those greater things for which He came, that all in time could be able to see the forest from the trees, namely, forgiveness from the tree—the cross to which He would go.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. (*Please keep your distance though*) Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread *LSB 625*

**Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving Bread,
May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address You.**

**Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.**

**To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.**

**O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.**

**I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

INVOCATION

**In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Exodus 16:12; John 6:26–27*

**“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them,
‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be
filled with bread.**

Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life,

which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 6:33, 35; 1 John 1:9*

Jesus is the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world.

Lord, we hunger for Your presence.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lord, we hunger for Your forgiveness.

Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father,

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.

In the wilderness of this world we forget Your presence.

We grumble and complain about Your provision.

We focus too often on our wants and needs of this world.

We fail to rejoice in the daily giving of Your grace and mercy.

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

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.

Lord, we hunger for You. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. . . .

Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.’” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the bread of life, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Lord, You fill us with forgiveness. Amen.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72*

With upright heart he shep * herded them
and guided them with his * skillful hand.

**He commanded the * skies above
and opened the doors of * heaven,**
and he rained down on them man * na to eat
and gave them the grain of * heaven.

**Man ate of the bread of the * angels;
he sent them food in a * bundance.**

**Glory be to the Father and * to the Son
and to the Holy * Spirit;**
as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.

With upright heart he shep * herded them
and guided them with his * skillful hand.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *LSB 154*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15-16

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 16:2–15*

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord,

for he has heard your grumbling.””¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses,¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl * edge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable *
his ways!

**For from him and through him and to him are * all things.
To him be glory forever. * Amen.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:1–16*

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 6:35b*

Alleluia.

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:22–35*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given

thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus 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. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
 Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

SERMON

APOSTLE'S 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Ever-present Lord, We humbly ask You to be with us, sustain us,
lead us, and guide us through this land all our days.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of all comfort and peace, hear the cries of all who bear
burdens emotionally, spiritually, and physically. We especially lay
before You those who desire our prayers, [*including . . .*]. Let Your
presence be known, and heal according to Your will. Point us to
the greater healing of eternal life in the resurrection.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of all provision, we thank You for the daily bread You give to
us. Give us grateful hearts to live in continual thanks to You. Feed
us with Your Word and Spirit, satisfy our hunger and thirst for
forgiveness and grant nourishment of faith.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise:

"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,

Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful

**Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 49

Communion: 44

Offering: \$2,351.00

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Is looking at the series called 'See through the Scriptures'. This Bible Study has been produced to provide hands-on training. It is designed to serve as a tool to convince people that: We need to *read* the Bible, We can *understand* the Bible's message, and that We can *explain* that message to others.

FOOD PANTRY will no longer be accepting clothes until further notice.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet next Sunday, August 8th, @ 11:30am after Bible Study.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is August 9th. EAGLE students will be back in the classroom. Compass will also begin from 3:30pm-6pm.

NEW SERMON SERIES on the Lord's Prayer will begin, starting in August.

CANOE TRIP (or if you prefer Kayaks) for youth and families interested. This will be on August 7th. We will leave about 8am and will be back around 2pm. The cost will be \$20 per person. Bring a lunch and anything you need for outdoor fun on a river.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – **Karl** for healing from a kidney infection; **Maureen** for healing for her hip and from her brace; **Steve Bain** for healing from back and hip arthritis pain; **Jeanette Creamer** who is now in hospice; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **For** those seeking new employment opportunities; **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings on what they do; **EAGLE schools** for their new principal Ms. Major, praying for energy and working partnership; **Compass** with new director Veronica, praying for the right staff and transition, **Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

August 1-August 8

Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:30am Bible Study
	10:30am Nepalese Worship
	12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open
	7pm Elders
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open
	6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open
	6:30pm ESL
	6:30pm NT Class
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open
	6:30pm Confirmation
Friday	8am-2pm Office Open
	8am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
	10:30am Social Ministry
	1:30pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion
	10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship
	11:30am Executive Council Meeting
	12:30pm African Worship