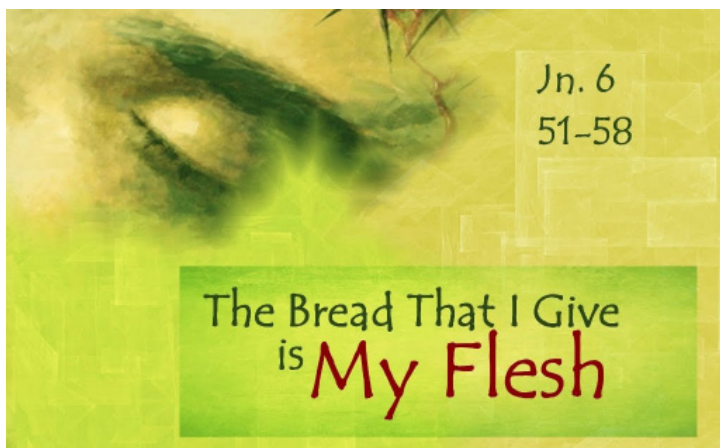




Sunday, August 18, 2024

The Time After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.



“Holy Stuff”

Pastor Steve Albertin

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* (indicates please stand)*

**Call to Worship**

We Bow Down

**Announcements**

**\* Greeting & Passing of Peace**

**\* Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.**

**Song**

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

**Prayer of the Day**

**Song**

We Will Glorify

*please be seated*

**Lesson**

Ephesians 5:15-20

Pew Bible pg 1066

**Gospel**

John 6:51-58

Pew Bible pg 972

P: This is Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon

“Holy Stuff”

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- Comedian George Carlin's hilarious routine on “Stuff” reminds us of how easy it is to have our lives ruined by too much “stuff.”
- In the First Reading, the Israelites want to go back to their “stuff” in Egypt even though it was killing them.
- In the Gospel, the crowds also want Jesus to give them more “stuff” after he fed with a few fish and loaves of bread.
- Everyone wants more “stuff” because we believe “stuff” is what makes us feel safe and secure. We want to be sure that we matter. But such “stuff” always disappoints us and finally kills us.
- God feeds the Israelites a different “stuff,” a HOLY STUFF, manna, to sustain them in the wilderness.
- Jesus likewise feeds the crowds a different “stuff.” The bread and fish that filled their stomachs were signs pointing them to the truly HOLY STUFF, “the bread from heaven,” Jesus.
- This HOLY STUFF satisfies them (and us) like no other “stuff” in this world.
- Jesus is the HOLY STUFF. He is “the bread of life.” that satisfies our deepest hungers. We will never again hunger and thirst for lives that matter or not be safe and secure.
- Our lives change. We live not to accumulate more “stuff” but to use our “stuff” to serve others.



### \* Song

I Am the Bread of Life

*please be seated*

### The Offering

#### \* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

#### \* The Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

**Prayers of the Church :** *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members: Vanderveen Family, Tim, Sue, Jean, Carole, Vickie, John, Bucher Family, Schaffs

Family & Friends: Eric, John, Anita, Terry, Bob, Susan, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce,  
Randall & Mary, Ross

## **Communion**

### **The 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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

*please be seated*

## **Distribution**

*All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.*

## **Benediction**

\* **Sending Song**                      Lord I Lift Your Name on High

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**