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# **“THIS 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.”

**JOHN 6:58, NRSV**

10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 15, 2021  
Sermon: **Jesus - The Bread of Life** Part 3 – John 6:51–69  
“Who Can Listen to This?”



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## *The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 15, 2021

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu     **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Elders:** Don Lantis     **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Dallas Schulz Team

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

**Reader:** Coleen Reich

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** Today we consider Jesus' claim that He is the bread of life and whoever feeds on His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life. While this may sound mysterious to us, it was downright offensive to those who first heard these words. The way and wisdom of Jesus are often countercultural and counterintuitive, but He offers us eternal life as He gives His body and pours out His blood for us and our salvation.

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

**The Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**C: Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.**

P: The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.

**C: The way of the world leads only to death.**

P: Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.

**C: Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.**

P: Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.

**C: Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.**

## Opening Song "Here I am to Worship"

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God

(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)

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## Nicene Creed

### First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1–10

(God's way of wisdom)

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**The Epistle** Ephesians 5:6–21 (Walking in the way of wisdom and love)

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

<sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it

says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

<sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

**Holy Gospel** John 6:51–69 (Jesus is the living bread from heaven.)

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

<sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

<sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down

from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”

<sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

<sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"  
<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

## Children's Message

### The Song of Instruction "Great are You Lord"

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore Ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
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And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
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So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will say Great are You, Lord

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**The Word** Jesus - The Bread of Life Part 3 – John 6:51–69 "Who Can Listen to This?"

## WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Psalm 95:2-3—Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is the great God, and a great King above all gods.*

### Offertory “Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
(Chorus)  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You...
2. Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the only wise King (Chorus)
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of your name  
Jesus your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery... (Chorus)  
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### The Prayer of the Church

#### Confession and Absolution

P: Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people's words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Jesus, the living bread from heaven, has given His body and shed His blood so that you would be forgiven and have eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

**C: Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.**

**INVITATIONAL SONG** (“Praise Team):

**He said come to the table**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed**

**Take your place beside the Savior now**

**Sit down and be set free**

**Come to the table**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

### **DISTRIBUTION “Holy Spirit”**

There's nothing worth more That could ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen Of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

There's nothing worth more That could ever come close  
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Holy Spirit, You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
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### **“You Are My All In All”**

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.
2. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my All in All!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
3. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.
4. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my All in All!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Worthy is Your name.

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

### **The Benediction**

### **The Going Out Song “Days of Elijah”**

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Chorus: Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet  
call

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh



And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the  
Lord." (chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah,  
There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah (repeat 3 times)  
(Chorus 2 times)

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.  
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Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth & Adult Bible Classes** 9:30 a.m.

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# Jesus - The Bread of Life

(John 6:22-69)

## Part III: Who Can Listen to This?

Text: John 6:51-69

Date: 08/15/21

***“Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.”***  
John 6:56

### Points to Ponder:

1. Why is it hard to listen and to understand?
2. Proverbs 9: Wisdom has called from the highest places in town:
  - Leave your \_\_\_\_\_ and walk in the way of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is insight.
3. Ephesian 5: Look carefully then how you walk, not as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ephesians 1:17–18  
<sup>[17]</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>[18]</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (ESV)
5. John 15:5: “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”
6. You do not wish to go away, do you?
  - Lord, to whom shall we go?

### Jesus - The Bread of Life

Part I: Aug 01 – John 6:22–35 “It’s More Than Just Carbs”

Part 2 Aug 08 – John 6:35–51 “It’s a Feast!”

Part 3 Aug 15 – John 6:51–69 “Who Can Listen to This?”