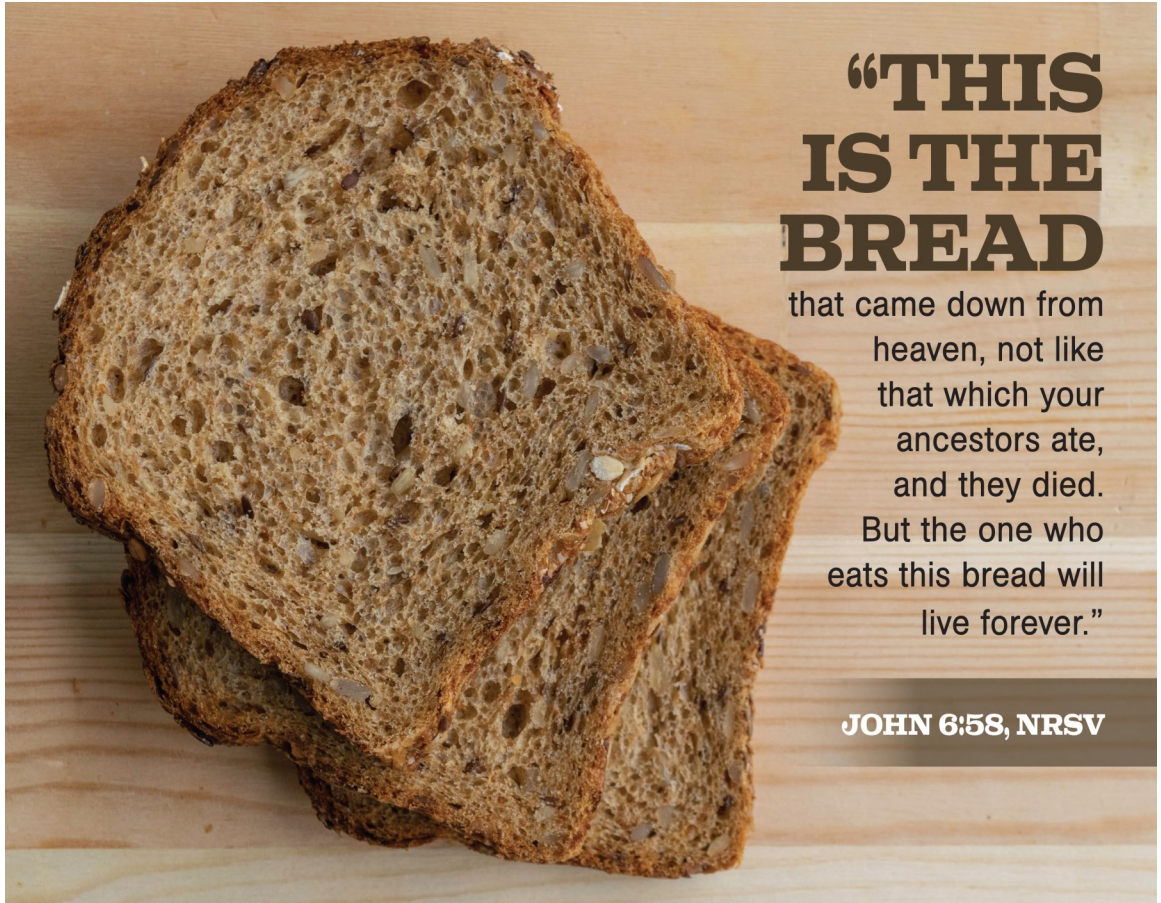


**St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School**  
624 Jennings St. Sioux City, Iowa 51101  
Church: (712)252-0338 School: (712) 258-6325  
www.siouxcitystpauls.org



# **“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**

6 p.m. Sat., August 14, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., 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

(6 p.m. Sat., August 14 & 8:15 a.m. Sun. August 15, 2021)

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

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

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Mabel Huldeen

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

**Elders:** 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson, 8:15 a.m. Sun. Tim Draube

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat., Marlis Hilden; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Suzy Joines

---

**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.

## **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

Page 203

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

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

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.**

*Confession and Absolution*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

*Service of the Word*

The Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*)

Page 204

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria in Excelsis Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung*)

Page 204

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living bread come down from heaven to give us life eternal. Strengthen us as we follow Your wisdom, Your way, and Your Word, that we remain steadfast in the true faith until Your glorious return; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

**C: Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

The Epistle Lesson 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse John 6:68

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Blessed Jesus, Living Bread”

Tune LSB 496

Blessed Jesus, living bread, By Yourself our souls are fed:  
Give us all the eyes to see All that You were sent to be.

To the house of bread You came, There received Your saving name;  
From that lowly manger bed All the dying world is fed.

Not by this world’s bread alone Can our life become full-grown,  
But by ev’ry word that goes From the mouth of God—one grows.

We are in that crowd You fed With Your blest, abundant bread.  
Moved by ev'ry human care, Bless the bread we eat and share.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008. Copyright © 1990 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. [Permission is granted to reproduce this text for use until August 29, 2021.

Sermon Jesus - The Bread of Life Part 3 – John 6:51–69 “Who Can Listen to This?”

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, *especially* the Hanna and Kloss families as Christiane Hanna's grandson passed away. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially, Barb Hageman. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including: Roger Brown, Brad Doerr, Gianna Goodman, Lincoln Larsen, Adrianna Tenuta, Trevor Hill, Kayla Arndt, Dawn Anderson, Gabriel Hannemann,

Jennifer Monk, Krystal Ramirez, Charlotte Grothaus, Bonnie Marks and Lexie Levay. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C: let me with holy food be fed.**

P: Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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 and Communion 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 Hymn

"O God, My Faithful God"

LSB 696 1,2,6

(Stand as you are able)

*Service of the Sacrament*

Preface

Page 208

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung*)

Page 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**



**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God (*Sung*)

Page 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

“O Living Bread from Heaven” LSB 642

“What Is This Bread” LSB 629

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

Page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

Silent Prayer

Postlude

+ + + + +

# 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 1: 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?”