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*For the*  
**BREAD OF GOD**  
IS HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM  
**HEAVEN**  
*and gives Life to the world.*  
JOHN 6:33, ESV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 1, 2021  
Sermon: Jesus - The Bread of Life (John 6:22-69)  
Part I: It's More Than Just Carbs



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

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

## *The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 1, 2021

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

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

**Elders:** Tim Draube    **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Dallas Schulz Team

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

**Reader:** Frank Tenuta

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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** Bread, in one form or another, is a diet staple in most every culture. Though today we can be overwhelmed at the grocery store with countless types and styles, even in its simplest form, bread continues to sustain stomachs in a variety of ways. Bread, or the simplest form of manna, is what the Lord would use to sustain His people in the wilderness, and the image of bread is what He would use to help people understand the greater gift He came to give in His own Son. Yet, more than sustaining a diet for this body and life, Jesus, the bread of life, has come to serve us salvation, sustain our souls, and feed us with His forgiveness.

**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**      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.

### **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 *Exodus 16:12; John 6:26–27*

P: “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.

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

P: 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.

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

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

## Opening Song “Firm Foundation”

CHORUS:

Jesus You’re my firm foundation

I know I can stand secure

Jesus You’re my firm foundation

I put my hope in Your holy Word

I put my hope in Your holy Word

Verse 1:

I have a living hope (I have a living hope)

I have a future (I have a future)

God has a plan for me (God has a plan for me)

Of this I’m sure (of this I’m sure)

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Verse 2:

Your Word is faithful (Your Word is faithful)

Mighty in power (mighty in power)

God will deliver me (God will deliver me)

Of this I’m sure (of this I’m sure)

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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## Nicene Creed

**First Lesson** Exodus 16:2–15 (Bread from heaven)

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and 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.”

<sup>4</sup>Then 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. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

<sup>6</sup>So 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, <sup>7</sup>and 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?” <sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then 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.’” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“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.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.”

## **The Epistle** Ephesians 4:1–16 (Unity in the Body of Christ)

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until 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, <sup>14</sup>so 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.

<sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love,

we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from 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.

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

**Holy Gospel** John 6:22–35

(Jesus is the bread of life.)

<sup>22</sup>On 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. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.”

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”

<sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

## Children’s Message

### The Song of Instruction “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still You’re there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)

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## The Word Jesus - The Bread of Life (John 6:22-69) Part I: It's More Than Just Carbs

### 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 89:1—I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

### Offertory “Only By Grace”

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand, not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;

Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come,  
into your presence you draw us and now by your grace we come.  
Now by your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?  
But thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.  
Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?  
But Father, thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand,  
not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;

Into Your presence You call us. You call us to come,  
Into Your presence You draw us and now by your grace we come.

Now by your grace we come.

Now by your grace we come.

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### The Prayer of the Church

#### Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Concerning the Lord's Supper, Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29  
“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

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

**C: Lord, we hunger for Your presence.**

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

**C: Lord, we hunger for Your forgiveness.**

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

**C: 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.**

P: In the wilderness of this world we forget Your presence.

**C: We grumble and complain about Your provision.**

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

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

P: 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.

**C: Lord, we hunger for You. Amen.**

P: 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 X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, You fill us with forgiveness. 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      “Draw Me Close”**

Verse

Draw me close to You  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire  
No one else will do  
'Cause nothing else can take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace

Help me find the way  
Bring me back to You

Chorus

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

Repeat Verse

Repeat Chorus 2x

Help me know You are near 2x

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## **“Breathe”**

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me  
And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ----, I'm lost without you, (repeat)

And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ---, I'm lost without you  
I'm lost without you I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you  
This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe  
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## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

### **The Going Out Song      “Raise a Hallelujah”**

[Verse 1] I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah; our weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.



[CHORUS 1] I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive!

[Verse 2] I raise a hallelujah with ev'rything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

[CHORUS 1] I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive!

(interlude) [Bridge]  
Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)  
Let's sing a little louder. (Let's sing a little louder.)

Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder. My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me.

Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder. My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me. Sing a little louder.

[CHORUS 2] I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive!

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive!

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah, louder than my unbelief.  
I sing a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody.  
I sing a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.

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# Jesus - The Bread of Life

(John 6:22-69)

## Part I: It's More Than Just Carbs

Text: John 6:22-35

Date: 08/01/21

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 6:35

### Points to Ponder:

1. Carbs Vs. No Carbs
  2. What draws you to Jesus?
  3. Who fed the Israelites in the wilderness? Who is feeding you today?
  4. God, give us this bread always!
- John 4:13-14
    - <sup>[13]</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
    - <sup>[14]</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (ESV)

### 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?"