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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*August 4, 2024*

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others*

**Welcome!** We've all heard our stomachs growl and felt the pangs of hunger, pointing to our essential human need for food. Less obvious, but just as vital, is our hunger for other necessities of life such as meaning, connection, love and grace. In declaring himself the Bread of Life, Jesus offers himself to us as the source of all these essential needs. Only in him can we find the soul-deep satisfaction that endures for eternity.

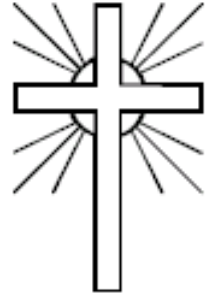
**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

# ***Divine Service, Setting Three***

*LSB page 184*

## ***The Preparation***



**Prelude:** “Siciliana” - M. Camidge

**Words of Welcome**

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution** page 184

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

**Kyrie** page 186 (*sung*)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Gloria in Excelsis page 187 (*sung*)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer;  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### *The Service of the Word*

**Prayer of the Day** page 189

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**



**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 16:2-15 (see back cover)

**Psalm:** Psalm 145:10-21



<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\*  
and tell | of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of mar your | mighty deeds,\*  
and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\*  
and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.

The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*  
and kind in | all his works.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are | falling\*  
and raises up all who are | bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all | look to you,\*  
and you give them their food in due | season.

<sup>16</sup> You open | your hand;\*  
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in | all his ways\*  
and kind in | all his works.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;\*  
he also hears their cry and | saves them.

<sup>20</sup> The LORD preserves all who | love him,\*  
but all the wicked he | will destroy.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

**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.**

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-16 (see back cover)

**Triple Alleluia** page 190 (*sung*)  
**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*John 6:22-35* (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** (page 191 or the inside back cover of the hymnal)

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

**Sermon**



**Prayer** Response after each petition P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For comfort:***

Thurm family	Death of Andy	deDufour
Borden family	Death of Robert	Yost
Curtiss family	Death of William	Reside
Borden/Atchley families	Death of William	Van Hise

***For those with health concerns:***

Roger Newton	Janice Nuneviller	Kay Compton	Phillip Trivett
Pat Dietz	Zane	Ursula	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Brennan	Grant and Noah
Rev. Gwisock Lee	Betty Kay Foster	Carol Yost Band	John Scheblein
Melissa	Rose		

***For those with cancer:***

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Dick Butterfoss
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Barbara	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Anna Mantel	Linda
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Jane Fry	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Barbara Howard	Dottie		

***For those with needs around the world:***

Government officials and people of our nation	Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
War in Europe	Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East	Prayers for God's guidance in U.S. response
Farmers and those experiencing weather disasters	Prayers for favorable weather and safety

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin		

***For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:***

For the nursery school staff and families

**Birthdays**

Joseph Heebner	Aug 5	Shirley Yost	Aug 9
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**Anniversaries**

Richard & Audrey deDufour	Aug 10
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## Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

**Instrumental Offertory:** “Interlude in D” – Anonymous

**Congregational Offertory:** Create In Me page 192 -193 (*sung*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

## *The Service of the Sacrament*

**Order of Holy Communion** page 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary....evermore praising You and saying:

C: (*sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

C: (*spoken*) **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Institution (Consecration)

Pax Domini

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

Sharing of the Peace (please greet one another with the words: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”,  
responding “And also with you.”)

Agnus Dei page 198 (*sung*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us Thy peace. Amen**

Distribution Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life (see next page)

Leader or All

- 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. Ne one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

Refrain  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Post Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis page 199 (sung)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving page 200

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,      **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**  
P: (Prayer of Thanksgiving)                                      **C: Amen.**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** page 201

P: The Lord be with you.                      **C: And with thy spirit.**  
P: Bless we the Lord.                              **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** page 202

P: The Lord bless you...                      **C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



**Announcements**

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** “Trumpet Tune” - J. Bennett

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Today’s Closing Hymn, LSB 821 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus -

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) wrote this hymn in response to the need for a broader selection of eucharistic hymns. In contrast to the common depiction of Christ as the peaceful and gentle Good Shepherd, the lyrics of this hymn focus instead on the majesty of Christ as victor over sin, death, and the devil, and the acclaim offered by all believers together in heaven “like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder.” (Rev 14:2) Stanza three specifically incorporates today’s theme of Jesus as the “bread of heaven.”

The tune is recognizable as the same as that of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.” The name of the tune is ‘Hyfydol’, which fittingly translates from the original Welsh as “good cheer.”

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns.* (2019), p. 1244-1245

***Memory Verse Challenge:***      *John 6:35*

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.”





## **Announcements – Week of August 4, 2024**

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week  
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00**

### **Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study**

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Tyson Wilhelm (Communion and live-streaming), Jesse Dunbar (reading and usher), Joey Dunbar (usher), Jason Bloom (live-streaming), Nathan Wilhelm (acolyte), MaryAnne Reside and Jeanne Hoppe (coffee and communion set-up and clean-up).

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/ixtcY4MKXHA?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study.** Our weekly Zoom bible study is on break for the summer. You're encouraged to join our Sunday morning study of Genesis or choose a book of the bible to read independently.

**Sunday Bible Study.** Our weekly Sunday bible study is on break for the summer. You're encouraged to choose a book of the bible to read independently and stay strong in God's Word!

**Sunday Sermon Discussion.** "So...what did you think of today's sermon?" **Today, August 4th, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>,** Pastor Jon will be hosting a 30-minute group discussion of the Sunday readings and sermon after the service. This is your chance to respond to what you heard in worship! What questions did God's Word raise in your mind? What did you find most convicting or comforting? What modern issues do you think it touched on? You're welcome to join this informal discussion time during the month of August!

### **Weekly Schedule:**

SATURDAY (8/10) 7:30am Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY (8/11) 9:30am Worship; 10:45am ASP Trip Presentation

### **Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

### **Service and Other**

**Operation Christmas Child.** Thank you to the many people who helped by donating items, money and time to our Operation Christmas Child collection this year! We packed 104 boxes for children who will be touched by Christ's love through you! Last year's boxes went to Peru, Columbia, Honduras, and Panama – where are this year's headed?

**Flowers.** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor of Shirley Yost's birthday.**

**You are invited!** Many of you will remember our faithful interim pastor, Rev. Gregory Jans, who filled in during our vacancy. Rev. Jans will be installed as the new pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, NJ on Sunday, Aug 11 at 4:00 PM. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

**ASP Trip Presentation.** Next Sunday, Aug. 11th, join us in the fellowship hall after the worship service for a special presentation on the recent ASP trip to Tennessee. Joey Dunbar and Juliet Behnfeldt will share stories and pictures about their experiences. **Homemade treats will be provided!** You can also check out Facebook by searching "Appalachia Service Project Johnson County, Tennessee Center" to see for yourself!

**Lambertville Food Pantry.** Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **August's collection is Fruits, Juices, Condiments:** – canned fruit, fruit juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna or chicken, lunch bag stuff...

**ARE YOU A LOAN ANGEL?** We are now in the second year of our three-year interest only loan covering the cost of the new heating and air conditioning system. A huge thank you goes out to all the St. Peter Loan Angels, who have stepped in to pay the \$650 monthly interest bill. So far, we have made every payment while being able to "pay down" some principle. We are very blessed. There is still room for more loan angels. See Norm Klesat for more information or let Peter Johnson know of your desire to join this group of dedicated stewards.

**Faithfulness Report:** Attendance: 7/28: 47/ 4 online                      Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3979  
ASP: \$50              Op Christmas Child: \$605

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org), and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>.

**Other Important web links:**

- NJ District LCMS    [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)
- The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod              [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)
- LCMS World Relief and human Care                [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)
- The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast                      [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2–15

<sup>2</sup>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."

### Epistle: Ephesians 4:1–16

<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.

### Holy Gospel: John 6:22–35

<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."

## **Discussion Questions for God's Word Today**

Which of the three readings or psalm did you find most thought-provoking?

What questions came up in your mind from today's readings or sermon?

What was your main takeaway from today's sermon?

What did you hear that was convicting or comforting?

What modern issues do you think today's Word touched on?

Which one of today's readings will you spend more time thinking, reading, praying, or studying about this week?