



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People
With One Voice, Setting 5
Sunday, August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The hymn numbers for today's service: #475 #474 #481 #676

PRELUDE

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor (ELW 475)*

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



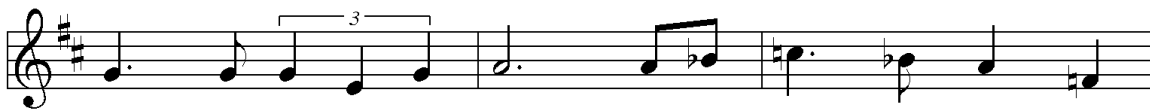
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

II



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

God sends the prophet Nathan to rebuke King David for his abuse of power. Confronted with his sin, David repents. This sin, however, marks the beginning of troubled times in David's family.

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, ^{12:1} and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸ I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹ Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹² For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ^{13a} David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL John 6:24-35**

The holy gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

VICAR TRENT ORMSBEE-HALE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 474)

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

A: Calling on the spirit of wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

For each petition: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

P. We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

***PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *Come to the Table (ELW 481)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

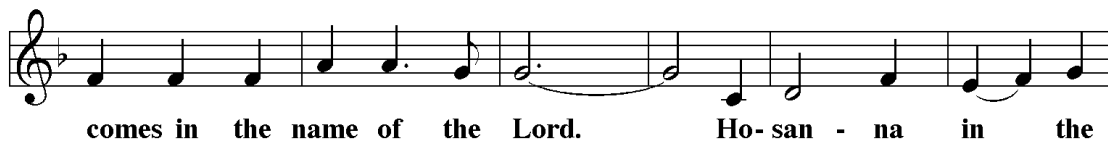
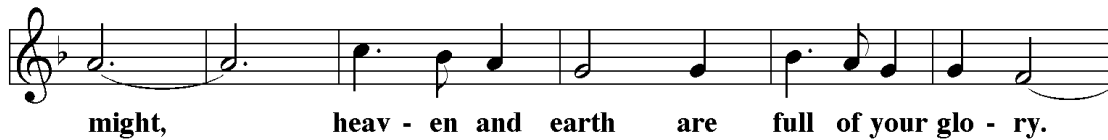
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ORGAN MEDITATION DURING COMMUNION

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak (ELW 676)*

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Serving in Worship

Today, August 4th

Presiding Minister: Vicar Trent Ormsbee-Hale
Assisting Minister: Charlie Schmidt
Music Director: Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Lector: Cindy Kohn
Chancel Care: Faye Youngblood
Ushers: F. Youngblood & Adam Frame
Videographer: Jeff Manthei
Counters: F. Youngblood & Lisa Reed

Next Sunday, August 11th

Pastor Lesley M. Radius
Steve Weis
Adam Frame
John Wolf
Roberta Dennis
TBD
Peyton Frame
Jacob Martella
Charlie Schmidt & M. Boggs

We welcome all today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at pastor@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday, August 4th

9:15 am St. Matthew's Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's

Tuesday August 6th

8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast Dixie House Cafe Hulen

Saturday, August 10th

8:00 am NT-NL Synod Congregation Lead Initiative Meeting

Sunday, August 11th

9:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's

Gospel Alive We are now collecting school supplies for the students of our community partner Woodway Elementary. Collections will continue until September 8th God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We appreciate everyone bringing in a few items if you are able. These supplies help supplement when original supplies wear out, they are also used for new students who enter during the school year. Thank you in advance for doing God's work with your hands.

Academy 4 Don't forget to sign up to be a mentor for the Academy 4 program that will begin at Woodway Elementary this Fall. You can visit www.academy4.org to register or contact Kelly Riddle. If you cannot volunteer, you can still help by spreading the word on this program to friends and neighbors. Volunteer sign up is open to the entire community.

Sign up to be an usher at worship. Please sign up on the board in the narthex to usher, including greeting our visitors and offering hospitality to all who come to worship. Thank you for being a part of this vital work.

<p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>Craig Bridges Annasophia Reese George Wiederaenders Jeanne Rose Pattie Brunnert Mike and Sandy Dinger Aunt & Uncle of Cindy Kohn Caleb Roberts Friend of Ferrol Miller & The Gustafsons</p>	<p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>Thara Bonebreak Aunt of Anne Moroneso Annie Breakspear Daughter-in-law of Pauline Christensen Hayden June Friend of Ferrol Miller & The Gustafsons Becky Jacobs Daughter of Lauren Anderson David Wester</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

(More details to follow, but please reserve these dates in your calendars now!)

August 6th Fellowship Breakfast Dixie House Cafe Hulen 8:30 am

August 13th Women's Bible Study 10:00 am

September 8th God's Work Our Hands Sunday

September 27th- First Friday for Academy 4 Woodway Elementary

October 20th- Legacy Presentation and Luncheon

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.

We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!

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Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840-1925

Music: BRYN CALFARJA, William Owen, 1814-1893

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1	Lord,	speak	to	us,	that	we	may	speak	in
2	Oh,	lead	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	lead	the
3	Oh,	teach	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	teach	the
4	Oh,	fill	us	with	your	full -	ness,	Lord,	un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.