

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Four pg. 203 in the hymnal

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#711

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-8 (ESV)

After slaying the false prophets of Baal, Elijah flees from the evil queen, Jezebel, who wants to kill him. The LORD visits Elijah twice in his journey to strengthen him with miraculous gifts of bread and water.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 34

L: You open | your hand;* you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

C: Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!* Blessed is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

L: Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,* for those who fear him | have no lack!

C: The young lions suffer want and | hunger;* but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

All: 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.

L: You open | your hand;* you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (ESV)

Paul commands us to live out our new baptismal identity in Christ by behaving differently from the rest of the world. As Christ has forgiven us, so we must forgive one another.

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!-- assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“These Things are Written”

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35-51 (ESV)

The religious leaders are offended that Jesus calls himself the Bread of Life come from heaven. They cannot believe that Jesus is God's Son, nor that he will give up his life for the salvation of the world.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John, the sixth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God. 'Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me-- not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Dunbar

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

#680 vs 1,2,5

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

#789 vs 1,3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

#918

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Matthew Mau & St John Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Dealing with an illness: Ann Gardels, Mary Reeves (niece of Bobbie Luce), Sharron Owens, Pauline Bulgrin, Pat Koch, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Merle Schmieding

Declining Health: LaVern Stuhr

"THE LORD VISITS US WHERE WE ARE" 1 Kings 19:1-8 *ESV*

INTRODUCTION AND GOAL

Does Elijah fearing for his life relate at all to today's world?

May we grow in faith that God is with us in all situations in life, even as we may fear proclaiming our belief in Christ.

THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY MAY CAUSE CHRISTIANS TO RUN – TO HAVE FEAR – AND TO HAVE A RESULTING LACK OF _____ IN GOD.

To better _____ just what is taking place in the text, we need to go back a few verses.

It was a threat given by Queen _____ that caused Elijah to flee!

Do _____ today oppose Christians?

YES, WE ARE TO FEAR, LOVE, AND _____ IN GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

There may be times that we are stronger in our _____ than other times.

We may show our lack of trust in our God by _____ from our duty of witnessing of His love.

GOD HAS _____ WITH OUR WEAKNESSES.

“If we are faithless, He remains _____ – for He cannot deny Himself” (2 Timothy 2:13).

How comforting it is for us as Christians today as our faith may be _____ at times.

Because Jesus lived and died for you, and for me, and for all people, we know _____ is available.

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In Response to God's Love

August 1: Total Attendance: 181 Visitors: 3 Communion: 136 Online:

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(08-08-21) Acolyte: Lexi Kraus **Lay Reader:** Gene Schlechte **Organist:** Carol Erks

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (08-08)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Card Social
MONDAY (08-09)		
TUESDAY (08-10)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (08-11)	7:00 PM	Administrative Meetings
	7:45 PM	Council Meeting
THURSDAY (08-12)	8:15 AM	First Day of School
	11:00 AM	Opening Chapel
	12:00 PM	Free Will Lunch
FRIDAY (08-13)	6:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
SATURDAY (08-14)	-----	
SUNDAY (08-15)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:45 AM	Tanking Trip
	7:00 PM	Card Social

As of 08-01-21	Amount received 08-01-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$21,415.00		\$368,418.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
Total	\$21,415.00	\$19,371.00	\$391,554.00	\$475,932.00	-\$84,378.00
Building Fund	\$200.00		\$500.00	Bldg Fund**	\$8,108.00
Teacherage Fund	\$75.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,601.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$110.00	\$46.00	\$4,815.00	\$4,615.00	\$200.00

Current Operating Note: \$69,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Card social in the fellowship hall this evening at 7:00. All ages are welcome. You may bring a snack to share.

Join us for a tanking trip August 15th at Broken Arrow in Fullerton, NE. We will leave right after church is over. We have limited spots so make sure to reserve your spot. Contact Brittany to sign up!

Josephine Turnbull and Girl Scout Troop 20538 are collecting items to furnish a home for a refugee family, through Lutheran Family Services. A list of supplies being collected can be found on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Center. Small items may be left in the collection box. For larger items or questions, contact Josephine or Stacie at stacie.turnbull@gmail.com or 402-266-1529. Thank you for supporting this project!

Need for Volunteers for the Welcome Center and Greeter in August. Please contact Sandy Schlechte e-mail: sandyschlechte@hotmail.com phone: 402-728-5306 or text 402-366-0074

Sponsor a Child through WGO

You have the opportunity to sponsor a child in Honduras through the ministry of World Gospel Outreach! WGO is a Christian evangelical organization that provides "a safe haven and restoration to many at-risk, abandoned children". In previous years, members of St. Paul's have gone on mission trips to Honduras organized by WGO. These trips have had a remarkable faith impact on those who participated. Sponsoring a child is a great way to help needy children in impoverished countries AND involve your own family in the Great Commission. Check out the materials on the Mission bulletin board in the hallway or contact Sue Sullivan-Eliker to find out more.

Monday A.M. Bible Study

Pastor Dunbar will be resuming a study of the book of Proverbs starting Monday, August 16th at 9:30am. Group meets in the Quilting Room. Class will be in-person only (no livestream available). This portion of Scripture covers many practical topics that apply to everyday life. All are welcome for conversation in God's Word!