

# Sunday Worship Bulletin

## Twelfth Sunday after PENTECOST

10:00 AM

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## Saint John's Lutheran Church

---- Missouri Synod ----

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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

*John 13:34-35*



## The Order of Holy Communion– Setting Two

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

### AS WE GATHER

As we live out each day, we reflect on our faith in our words and actions. Each of us is an example of the Christian life as we struggle to live in forgiving love toward one another, and also as we continue to trust in the forgiveness Christ won for us. In today's Old Testament Reading, Elijah almost gives up, but he is strengthened with miraculous food. Then in the Epistle, Paul provides a list of what our life in Christ should look like because of our new birth in Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the connection between receiving His body and blood in the Lord's Supper and living in hope each day. He is the bread of life from heaven, who enables each of us to discard our old ways, live in the new life of God's forgiving love, and adorn ourselves with gladness.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OPENING HYMN NO. **570**: *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

### ***Confession and Absolution***

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### ***Service of the Word***

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Kyrie

This is the Feast

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***(Be Seated)***

✠ OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 19:1–8

*(Elijah, fleeing for his life, is given miraculous food so that he may get to Horeb, the mount of God.)*

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✠ EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:17 – 5:2 (*Because Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for us and has given us new life, our lives can reflect Him and His forgiving love.*)

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***(Please Stand and Sing the Alleluia p. 173)***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:35-51

*(Whoever believes in Jesus, the bread from heaven, has eternal life and will live forever.)*

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

**C (Sung):      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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C (Sung):      Praise to You, O Christ.**

† STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**(Be Seated)**

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **644**: *"The Church's One Foundation"*

✠ SERMON: *"(NOT) All By Myself"* 1 Kings 19:1-8

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

✠ OFFERTORY (Page 176)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us go to our heavenly Father, asking His blessings on the Church around the world, for all people in their various circumstances, and for ourselves.

For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, the visible sign of God's grace and mercy, that clergy and lay leaders be single-minded in the apostolic mission, promote the unity we have in the one Body of Christ, and reflect the inviting love of God in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God would use Word and Sacrament to remind them of their Baptism, assure them of sins forgiven, and move them to daily acts of care and compassion that reflect His boundless love for us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For national leaders and public servants at all levels of government, that God give them wisdom to promote justice and the common good for all their citizens and guidance as they seek peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For armed forces deployed abroad, defending freedom, and for police, fire, and emergency personnel, responding to human and natural crises, that God protect and guide them as they go in harm's way, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who fish and farm, who develop and produce, who transport and build, that God would use their efforts to be blessings for all, providing food for the hungry and housing for the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our congregation, that the Holy Spirit would nurture us as we seek to care for one another in all aspects of our life together, open our eyes to opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors through word and deed, and strengthen us to live faithfully when apart from one another, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Heavenly Father, grant these requests and answer them in grace for the sake of Your Son, the bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Service of the Sacrament (p. 177)***

*At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **636**: *"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with  
Thank the Lord on p. 181***

† CLOSING HYMN No. **924**: *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

† SILENT PRAYER

† POSTLUDE

**SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:**

Lay Assistants – Rich Conroy & William  
Schneeloch

Lay Reader – Tom McClure

Acolyte – Alex Provost

Music Director– Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Tony Trasko from Sally Sienkiewicz and Family.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (August 12, 2018)

1 Kings 19:1–8, Ephesians 4:17–5:2, John 6:35–51

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He "draws" you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. "Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father" comes to Jesus, Who will never cast him out but "will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44–45). He is "the bread of life," Who "comes down from heaven" in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and "live forever" (John 6:48–51). Although "the journey is too great for you," in the strength of this food you shall come to "the mount of God." Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but "arise and eat" (1 Kings 19:5–8). And "no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds" (Ephesians 4:17), but "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us" (Ephesians 5:2). In Him, you have been "created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). Therefore, "be imitators of God, as beloved

children” (Ephesians 5:1), by “forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”.