

# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke

Then Jesus declared... **I am the  
bread of life**



Whoever comes to me  
will never go hungry, and  
whoever believes in me  
will never be thirst  
John 6:35

*Twelfth Sunday  
After Pentecost*

August 11, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

# Order of Worship for Sunday August 11, 2024

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

## GATHERING

*(Please rise as you are able )*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

P: Out of the depths I cry to you.  
Lord, hear my voice.

**C: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

P: If you kept a record of sins, Lord,  
who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness,  
that we might serve you with reverence.**

P: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in God's word I put my hope.

**C: Israel, put your hope in the Lord  
and in God's unfailing love.**

P: Out of the depths I cry to you.

**C: Lord, hear my voice.**

## **OPENING PRAYER** (John 6, Psalm 130)

P: Let us pray,

O Bread of heaven, come down.

Come down and fill us with your Spirit—  
for your Spirit satisfies like no other.

We hunger and thirst for you this morning  
and long to be nurtured  
in your love and forgiveness.

So we come to this sacred time and place,  
where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied  
as only your bread can do.

We will wait and listen  
for your leading in this hour.

**C: Amen.**

## **PROCESSIONAL AND GATHERING HYMN**

**“O Jesus, Joy Of Living Hearts ”- # 356 vs. 1, 3, & 5**

*Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal*

## **SALUTATION**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

P: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

Please be seated

## **WORD**

**OUR FIRST READING** is from the book of 1 Kings, chapter 19, verses 4 through 8.

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

<sup>4</sup>Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched

him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**OUR SECOND READING** is from the book of Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 25 through Chapter 5, verse 2.

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: Words of Wisdom. Words of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*(Please rise as you are able )*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW #518)

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv - en here a taste of the king - dom. To - geth - er  
joined, the great - est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho - ly feast.

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

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL:** John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated

# MESSAGE

(Please rise as you are able )

## HYMN OF THE DAY -

(ELW # 522)

### As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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# PRAYER SONG

(TFF #240)

*Refrain*

It's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer;

it's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: 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.*

P: Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill especially Jeff & Sue, Bonnie, Anita, Grete, Bettie, Sherry, Jean D., Brad, Cathi, Jane, Erik Annika and all those we name in our hearts. . Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith especially Jack Spencer. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER SONG

*Refrain*

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it's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: We are not far from the kingdom of God. In fact, the kingdom of God is within you. Extend to those near you evidence of the kingdom in your greetings of peace and love.

*( Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with others around you.)*

## OFFERTORY

(ELW # 682)



*Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en*  
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are



*ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en*  
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are



*pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.*  
fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

## OFFERING PRAYER (John 6, Ephesians 4)

P: Let us pray,

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
We bow before you and thank you for the privilege  
to participate in your acts of kindness and love  
here on earth.

May these gifts truly become instruments  
of your purposes here in our church, our community,  
and around the world.

**C: Amen**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to God.**

P: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: When the crowds were hungry for miracles,  
he promised that we who come to him  
will never be hungry,  
and we who believe in him  
will never be thirsty.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
the bread of heaven, broken to feed a hungry world,  
so that we may become one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry  
to all the world.

Merciful Creator, Bread of Heaven, Spirit of Love,  
we praise your holy, eternal, nameless Name.

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
Broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying;  
This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you  
And for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

P: So reaching out to one another, let us join hands and pray  
the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

*(You are invited to hold hands with our neighbor )*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
And all are Welcome. Come!

*(Please be seated)*

## SHARING THE MEAL

For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice is preferred let the assistant know.

For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.

## COMMUNION HYMN -

“ Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup ” # 706

*With One Voice –Blue Hymnal*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## BLESSING (2 Samuel, John 6, Ephesians 4)

P: Go forth and live as Christ in the world.  
Speak and live with integrity  
as you journey through this new week,  
knowing that God will satisfy your every need  
and lead you to a victorious life.

**C: Amen.**



# The Calendar....



Sunday, August 11, 2024 -

**9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live**

**10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR**

Monday, August 12, 2024-

Office CLOSED

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.—Bible Study, hearth room

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Office CLOSED

Friday, August 16, 2024

Office CLOSED

Sunday, August 18, 2024 - LACE SUNDAY

**9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live**

**10:30a.m. – COFFEE HOUR**