

*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."*

John 6:35



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The *Old Testament Reading* (Ex 16:2–15) is our text, in which God miraculously provides the manna from heaven out of the generosity of His hand. It is the Lord God who provides for the needs of His people. The *Gospel* records that when Jesus addresses the crowd, He refers to Himself as “the bread of life” who has “come down from heaven” (Jn 6:35, 38). He reminds them that it was not Moses who gave the Israelites manna but the Father who is in heaven (6:32). Jesus points to Himself as the **“living bread that came down from heaven” (6:51), and this living bread provides eternal life (6:33).**

Let us feast on the Lord’s Word together!

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

The Kyrie - In a world of sin and death, Christians have plenty of chances to join in praying: **“Lord, have mercy.”** All around us we see the results of hatred, envy, lust, and greed. Surely, the world is in need of God’s mercy. The church, in her worship, pleads before God on behalf of the whole world. There is confidence in our plea as we know that God is indeed merciful. He desires to bring mercy to us. Our prayer may not always bring an immediate response - at least, not the response that we are seeking - but even then, we commend ourselves and the whole world to a merciful God. In heaven, we will see the results of God’s mercy, as before the throne and in front of the Lamb will stand all the redeemed - not one of them worthy of the honor.

Opening Hymn 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*
- C** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 78:23-25; antiphon: v. 72

- P** With upright heart he shepherded them
- C** **and guided them with his skillful hand.**
- P** He commanded the skies above
- C** **and opened the doors of heaven,**
- P** and He rained down on them manna to eat
- C** **and gave them the grain of heaven.**

P Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C **He sent them food in abundance.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C **and guided them with his skillful hand.**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



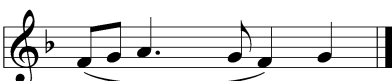
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

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(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C 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.



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.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

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.



Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:2–15

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and 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."

⁴Then 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. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So 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, ⁷and 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?" ⁸And 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."

⁹Then 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.'" ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"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.'"

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵When 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager 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 that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

"When He ascended on high He led a host of captives,
and He gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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, ¹⁴so 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. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined

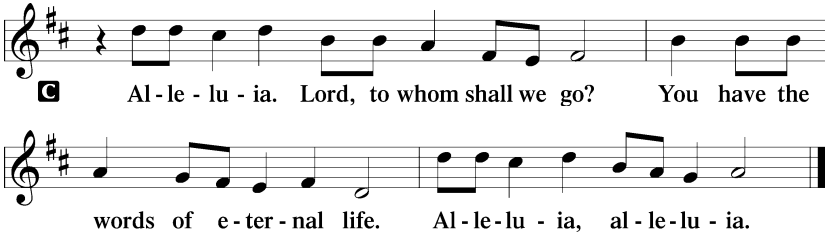
and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

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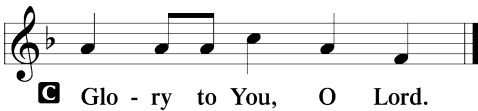


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

John 6:22–35

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²On 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. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" ²⁶Jesus 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. ²⁷Do 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." ²⁸Then they said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." ³⁰So they said to Him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to

eat.”³² 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. ³³For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn 789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Sermon Text

Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon "Feed Me!"

1. We are starving in and because of _____ .
2. Thank the Lord - He feeds our _____ !

Hymn 697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

☐ 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.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

Closing Hymn 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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Today's altar flowers are given by Dave and Deb Burcham in thanks and praise to our Lord for the institution of marriage.

Missionary Update:

Pastor Rafael, Deaconess Jamielynn, and Elena Flores will be moving to Chile at the end of August. Pastor will serve the people in Constitucion, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church of Chile. Jamielynn will continue in her role as an LCMS missionary in the Latin American and Caribbean region, focusing on Missionary Care and Life Ministry. **Please pray for God's peace during this transition**, for safe travels for the Flores family and for His blessing on the work of the church in Chile. You may send an email to: jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Calendar of Events

TODAY **August 4th, 2024**
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Scrip Day
Back-to-School Picnic for School Families 4:00-7:00 pm

MON:

LWML Meeting-Jerusalem Room 7:00 pm
School Parent Meeting-Bethany Room..... 7:00 pm

TUES:

WED:

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast 6:30 am

THURS:

FRI:

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY **August 11th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
Youth to Hackers-Niles, MI..... 12:00 Noon

Tomorrow, August 5, LWML at 7:00 pm.

Program: “Walking in Prayer.” Beginning in the Jerusalem Room, and moving about the facilities, members of LWML at each “station” will lead with Scripture as Church, school, community, nation and missions are lifted up in prayer. All are welcome. Light refreshments served afterward.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next meal preparation will be August 14th at 9:00 am. We are in need of pulled pork or meat for pulled pork, boxed scalloped potatoes, and fresh garden vegetables. Please bring your items to the church by Sunday, August 11th (if possible). Scalloped potatoes can be placed on the table in the Narthex. Meat and veggies can be taken to the kitchen refrigerator. Thank you so much for your tremendous generosity to those in need. It is greatly appreciated.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) --- LCEF is a valued ministry partner for all LCMS congregations which provides financing for church construction & expansion projects. Currently LCEF is experiencing an increased demand from congregations for building projects and they are asking church members to consider investing to give them the needed resources to fulfill the demand. If you would like additional information there are brochures in the tract rack in the Narthex or online at LCEF.org/offers.

NOTICE REGARDING VOTERS MEETINGS IN 2024

In the November 27th, 2023 congregational voters meeting, a motion was made and approved to change the schedule for congregational voters' meetings in 2024. The change in schedule was made to give members a better opportunity to attend the voters meetings where there may have been schedule conflicts with other activities outside of St. Paul's or where the normal congregational voters meeting time of 7PM was a problem for members who cannot drive at night.

The schedule for 2024 Congregational Voters' Meetings is as follows:
Sunday, August 18th after worship service, in the Bethany (big) room
Monday, November 25th – 7PM in the Bethany room/Fellowship Hall

There will be a babysitting service available for families with young children who want to attend the Sunday voters' meetings that will be held after worship service. Heidi Wildauer has agreed to organize this. If you have interest in using this service or in assisting in providing this service, please contact Heidi.

If you have questions regarding the congregational voters' meetings or schedules for them, please contact Dave Burcham.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH OUTING and SERVICE EVENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board if planning to attend either/both of these events.

YOUTH OUTING: We will once again attempt to go to Hackers (go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages, and more) in Niles, MI on Sunday, August 11th. This is for Youth in Grades 6-HS. We will meet at church at noon and plan to return late afternoon. Cost is \$10/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting additional costs. If there is inclement weather, we will go to Strikes & Spares in Mishawaka instead.

SERVICE EVENT: Youth in Grades 6-HS are encouraged to join us as we head to Unity Gardens in South Bend on Saturday, August 17th. We will meet at church at 2 pm and return by approximately 5 pm. Prior to returning, we will stop for ice cream courtesy of the Youth Board.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact a member of the Youth Board.

SCHOOL CORNER

TODAY is the back-to-school picnic for all preschool and elementary school parents, 4-7pm. Pizza, drinks, and cookies are provided. If you are a parent or grandparent with students here, we are excited to see you later!

St. Paul's Schools start on August 12th, with a parent meeting on August 5th, 7pm; and school cleaning on the 5th, 6th, and 7th, 9am-2pm, and 4:30-7:00pm. Please pray for our teachers and staff as we prepare for the new school year!

St. Paul's School is looking for substitute teachers and Extended Care assistants for the upcoming school year- both paid and volunteer positions! These are part-time positions, requiring a background check and an easy-to-obtain substitute teaching license. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman.

It is not too late to enroll in St. Paul's Preschool and Day School (Kindergarten through 8th Grade)! If you know of any families looking for a Christian educational experience, please recommend us. **Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.** Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship

program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours.

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship August 4th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 11th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Avery Cannon

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Mike Gumz

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel