

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



*For the*  
**BREAD OF GOD**

IS HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM

**HEAVEN**

*and gives Life to the world.*

JOHN 6:33, ESV

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## As We Gather

Physical food is a blessing from God without which we would literally wither away and die. That is why Jesus lovingly and miraculously fed thousands of followers with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Yet, while physical food is a good thing, it is far from the greatest thing God provides us. The greatest blessing God provides is spiritual food. The best thing God gives us is His Son, the bread of life. Without that spiritual food, we wither and die in a much worse way.

This week we see the multitudes coming to Jesus looking for two things: ever more temporal blessings – full bellies, healthy bodies – and an explanation of how to gain them. Jesus explains the greater need for spiritual food. He assures us that there is nothing we do to earn it. Our Father urges us to come to Him for our daily bread, asking Him to provide for our temporal needs. But may we hunger most for our greatest need: spiritual food that Christ freely gives.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

276 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

**P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C** **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.**

### Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

### Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth, For  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt-ed, You take all sin a - way; Ex-  
God has shown His fa - vor In Je - sus' ho - ly birth! Al -  
tend to us Your mer - cy and hear us as we pray. With  
might - y God and Fa - ther, Our hum - ble thanks we  
God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's  
bring; We wor - ship You, we bless You, Lord  
throne, You reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, For  
God, our heav'n - ly King.  
You are Lord a - lone!

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:15-31

<sup>15</sup> When 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. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup> But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted. <sup>22</sup> On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, <sup>23</sup> he said to them, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’” <sup>24</sup> So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. <sup>26</sup> Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none.” <sup>27</sup> On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. <sup>28</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? <sup>29</sup> See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.” <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day. <sup>31</sup> Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

## Psalm of the Day

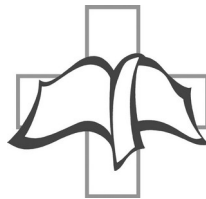
Psalm 34:1-8

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**C** **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
**C** **let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
**C** **and let us exalt his name together!**
- P** I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
**C** **and delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** Those who look to him are radiant,  
**C** **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**
- P** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
**C** **and saved him out of all his troubles.**
- P** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
**C** **and delivers them.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
**C** **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13

<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

364 – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

## Sermon Text

John 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>27</sup> Do not work 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.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This

is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”<sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> 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.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”<sup>35</sup> 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.



*Sermon*

## The Signs and Works of God

### Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -

va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

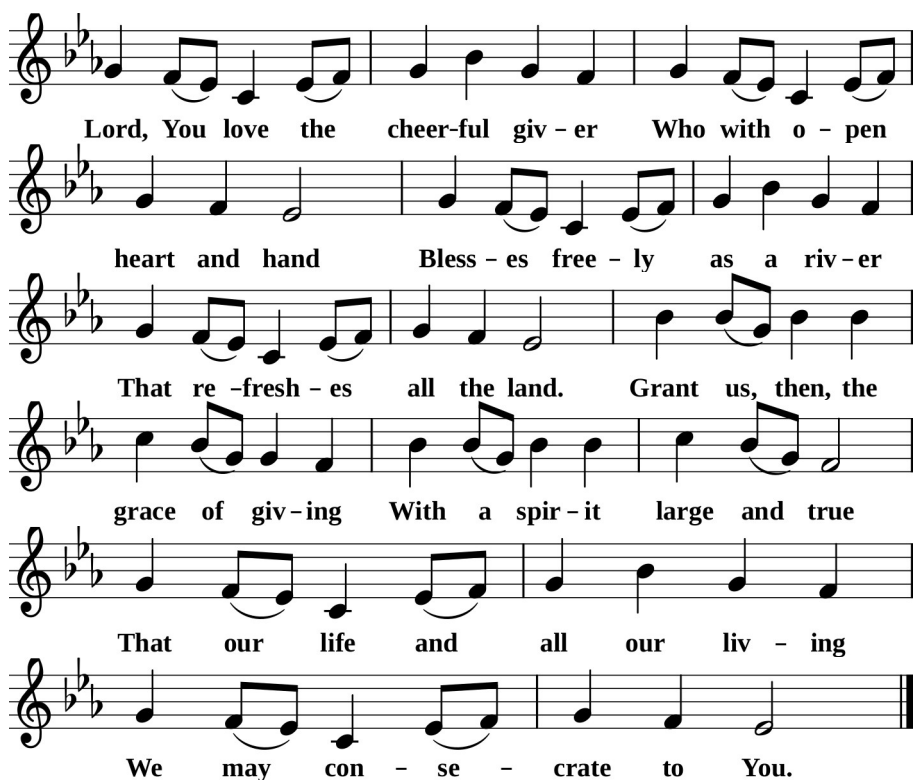
### Hymn

296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

### Offering

## Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with o-pen  
heart and hand Bless-es free-ly as a riv-er  
That re-fresh-es all the land. Grant us, then, the  
grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true  
That our life and all our liv-ing  
We may con-se-crate to You.

## General Prayer

### The 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.



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## ✠ Announcements ✠

### Upcoming Schedule

August 11	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
August 12	8:15 am	First Day of School (Half Day)
August 18	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
August 25	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
		Christian Education Sunday

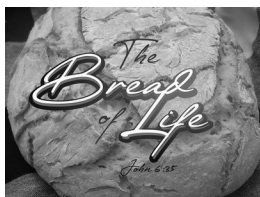
**Upcoming Meetings:** Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **September 1** – Board of Elders
- **October 6** – Church Council
- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

**Among Us:** Please continue to keep Donnie Beymer, Judy Longhurst, Mike Sheffield, and Greg Tincher in your prayers as they continue to deal with various health issues. Please also pray for Elsie Kleinschmidt as she had a fall this past week.

**A New School Year Begins!:** As we embark on another exciting school year, we invite our church family to pray for our dedicated teachers and eager students. Let us pray that the Lord blesses them with wisdom, knowledge, and a deep love for Him throughout this school year.

**Moving Help:** Teacher Katie Naumann will be moving out of her apartment on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Your help would be much appreciated. We’ll begin about 9:00 am.



**Current Sermon Series:** Today, we began a three week sermon series on what is known as Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse. We're examining what Jesus is teaching when He calls Himself "the Bread of Life." In the coming weeks, we'll discuss why people would abandon Jesus for making that claim.

And we'll wrestle with whether we would ever do the same. The final two sermons in the series are as follows:

- **August 18** – The Bread that Gives Wisdom and Life (John 6:35-51)
- **August 25** – The Only Food We Really Need (John 6:51-69)

**Pictures:** As a part of our outreach efforts, Pastor is working on updating the church website to make it more visitor friendly and better optimized for our digital marketing efforts. To that end, after church next Sunday (8/18), we will be taking some candid photographs of church member mingling. Please plan to stick around after church and visit as usual. No posing needed!

## **Immanuel Outreach Roundtable Report 8/4/24**

Pastor opened with a devotion reminding us that while human beings may do outreach activities for a church, **it is God who makes the outreach work.** As the Apostle Paul said about his ministry, "I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the increase.**" (1 Corinthians 3:6)

Pastor shared that research shows what unchurched people are looking for in a church is **children's programs.** He presented a potential calendar of four annual outreach activities with dates for advertising and follow-up for the events. He also pointed out that people overwhelmingly look on the **internet** when searching for a church. Therefore, it is beneficial to have a strong online presence – particularly when our church website shows up in a Google search. One way to do this is to have many reviews of our church on Google, and **he encouraged everyone to leave a review of Immanuel on Google Maps today.**

Kate then shared an exciting idea that she has for hosting a **moms/kids educational playgroup** ("Mornings with Mommy") at church. It would be open to the public and targeted at moms/dads/caregivers and their kids ages 0-6. It would be twice per month on a weekday morning for one hour and would include learning time for 20 minutes (songs, a bible lesson, theme activities) and 40 minutes of playtime. John Kuehne and Neil Bernthal have been working on a canopy to provide a shaded area next to the new playground for toys for younger kids.

**Members are encouraged to PRAY for the outreach activities** of our church and also for the teachers and students in our school.

The group then brainstormed potential outreach ideas. Below are the ones we'd like to pursue.

- **Add 9th and 10th grade to our school** – this will be starting Fall 2024!
- **Mornings with Mommy playgroup** – see above
- **Google ad grant** (up to \$10,000 of ad money)
- **More Facebook/social media posting and ads** (the recent school ad on Facebook cost \$250, reached about 15,000 people, and brought in four new students)
- **Encourage members to attend school events and get to know one school family** – add a bulletin board to inform church members of school activities, include school events in the church bulletin, and print school event flyers for members to take home
- **Promotion of four events/activities throughout the year that are open to the community** – VBS, Fall Festival, Christmas, Easter
- **Add benches** in the vestibule outside of the sanctuary door (by member mailboxes) **to encourage visiting and fellowship**
- **Z88.3 (Christian radio)** – church website listing on their “Church Finder”
- **Look into cost/benefits of joining the Chamber of Commerce** (Northeast Polk County or WH)

Following the brainstorming and narrowing of ideas, Pastor closed with prayer. Ten members were in attendance.

**ManUp! Weekend:** Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website (<http://www.manup.clclutheran.org>) and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

**Women’s Retreat West:** This year’s Women’s Retreat West is scheduled to be hosted by the Women’s Fellowship of St Paul in Bismarck, ND. The dates are September 13-15 (registration closes August 13<sup>th</sup>.) This year’s theme is: “Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More.” (1 Thessalonians 4:1) “Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more.” The retreat will begin with a dinner cruise on the Missouri River and include presentations on hospitality, witnessing, mentoring (for all ages), Bible study strategies, creative ideas for journaling, prayer, and memorization, a variety of mini sessions, and optional excursions to the ND Heritage Center and Annual Bismarck Street Fair. To register, or for more information, go to: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/> or contact Sandy Roehl at [sroehl@bis.midco.net](mailto:sroehl@bis.midco.net)

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>August 4, 2024</b>		<b>Attendance: WH – 37</b>	
<b><u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u></b>		<b><u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u></b>			
<b><i>General Budget</i></b>		<b><i>General Budget</i></b>			
\$3,539.25	General Budget	\$705.00	CLC General Budget		
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need		
+\$2,116.25	-Under / +Over	+\$647.31	-Under / +Ov		
\$48,874.36	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,245.00	Year to Date Offerings		
\$44,113.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,788.39	Year to Date Need		
+\$4,761.36	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$456.61	Year to Date (+/-)		
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>			
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund		
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund		
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund		
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)		
\$5.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship		
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir		
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest		

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 12-17

**Monday: Matthew 16:13-20** – To recognize that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” is a gift from the heavenly Father. This is also the solid foundation of the church and the entrance to the kingdom of heaven.

**Tuesday: Acts 17:15-21** – As Paul waits in Athens, he observes that the greatest human wisdom reaches only as high as idolatry. Some “wise” ones look on Paul as a bird picking up a seed here and a seed there, but still want to hear what he will come up with.

**Wednesday: Acts 17:22-34** – When Paul stands before the worldly wise, he approaches them about the ignorance they already confess: “an unknown god.” He proclaims the God of the Bible to them, and His Son, whom He raised from the dead.

**Thursday: 1 Samuel 7:5-12** – When the Israelites gather before the Lord to confess their sin, the princes of the Philistines think it a good time to attack. But the Lord thunders and the Philistines are routed. The Lord has helped His people! (verse 12)

**Friday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9** – In encouraging the Corinthians’ gift, Paul points to the Macedonians as an example. Of their own free will they first gave themselves to the Lord, who has already given Himself for us all (verse 9).

**Saturday: Luke 5:1-11** – Early in his relationship with Jesus, Peter gets a glimpse of how far above him Jesus is (verse 8). Jesus puts his fear to rest, and the fishermen become followers.







