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## As We Gather

There are many different theories about the healthiest way to eat. There's the old food pyramid, built on a foundation of whole grains. There's the Mediterranean diet, the Atkins diet, the Paleo diet, and many others. We can debate which is best, but what is undebatable is that whatever your diet, you are going to die. Perhaps a vegetarian diet is indeed easier on your heart. Still, your heart is going to stop eventually. But in His Bread of Life discourse, Jesus offers food that enables us to live forever. There are foods you might never have tasted without someone working hard to convince you to try them. Likewise, this spiritual food that Jesus describes is something no one finds appealing at first, but distasteful. And so today Jesus explains that we need God to work within us, so that we have the wisdom to see that this food gives life and the faith to find this bread most delicious.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

550 (1-6) – O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

#### Invocation

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

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- 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 ✠

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

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You  
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At  
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the  
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the  
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars; <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city, <sup>4</sup> “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 111

**P** Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

**C** In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

**P** The works of the LORD are great,

**C** Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**P** His work is honorable and glorious,

**C** And His righteousness endures forever.

**P** He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

**C** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

**P** He has given food to those who fear Him;

**C** He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

**P** He has declared to His people the power of His works,

**C** In giving them the heritage of the nations.

**P** The works of His hands are verity and justice;

**C** All His precepts are sure.

**P** They stand fast forever and ever,

**C** And are done in truth and uprightness.

**P** He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever:

**C** Holy and awesome is His name.

**P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

**C** His praise endures forever.

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

<sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

## 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

215 – Draw Us to Thee

## Sermon Text

John 6:35-51

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” <sup>41</sup> The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”



*Sermon*

## A Savior Beyond Reason

### 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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Hymn

738 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

### Offering

  
*Deo Gratias*  


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 THANKS BE TO GOD

## Offering Hymn

442 (2)

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,  
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

## 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.



## Hymn

## 800 – Go My Children, with My Blessing

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

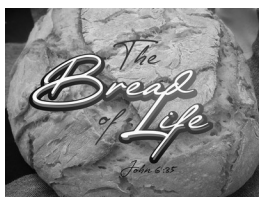
### Upcoming Schedule

|             |          |                                   |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| August 18   | 9:15 am  | Bible Class                       |
|             | 10:15 am | Worship Service                   |
|             | 11:30 am | Council Meeting                   |
| August 25   | 8:00 am  | Worship Service (Orlando)         |
|             | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven)    |
|             |          | Christian Education Sunday        |
| September 1 | 9:15 am  | Bible Class                       |
|             | 10:15 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
|             | 11:30 am | Elders Meeting                    |

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

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

**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:** Next Sunday, we conclude a three week sermon series on what is known as Jesus’ Bread of Life Discourse. We’ve been examining what Jesus is teaching when He calls Himself “the Bread of Life.” Our series concludes next Sunday as Jesus teaches us that He is the only food we really need (John 6:51-69).

**Christian Education Sunday:** Join us next Sunday for our special Christian Education Sunday service. Our school children will be singing during the service. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church community to connect with our school families and celebrate the blessings of Christian education. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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, following the worship service 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!

**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)

**Kinship Sponsorships:** Kinship is facing the largest seminary sponsorship shortage in many years. Currently there are 18 seminarians in need of support. While we give thanks for the increasing number of overseas seminarians preparing to spread the gospel, we pray for an increased resolve to support their training. Please consider sponsoring a seminary student in one of the many schools partnered with Kinship--Tanzania, India, Nepal, Togo, Congo, and Nigeria. The approximate cost of a sponsorship is \$40--\$50/mo (\$500--\$600/yr).

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh has received the call to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht’s retirement at the end of the year.

| <b>Fruits of Faith</b>                 |                        | <b>August 11, 2024</b>                          |                           | <b>Attendance: WH – 25; ORL – 10</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>                    |                           |                                      |  |
| \$549.00                               | General Budget         | \$0.00  | CLC General Budget        |                                      |  |
| \$1,423.00                             | Weekly Need            | \$57.69   | Weekly Need               |                                      |  |
| -\$874.00                              | -Under / +Over         | -\$57.69  | -Under / +Ov              |                                      |  |
| \$49,423.36                            | Year to Date Offerings | \$2,245.00                                      | Year to Date Offerings    |                                      |  |
| \$45,536.00                            | Year to Date Need      | \$1,846.08                                      | Year to Date Need         |                                      |  |
| +\$3,887.36                            | Year to Date (+/-)     | +\$398.92                                       | 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) |                                      |  |
|  | Benevolence Fund       |   | Project Kinship           |                                      |  |
| \$10.00                                | Outreach               |   | ILC Tour Choir            |                                      |  |
|  | School Fund            |   | Spokesman/Daily Rest      |                                      |  |

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 19-24

**Monday: Matthew 13:31-32** – From a human point of view, God’s rule comes in a small way, in a Word. But when it reaches the heart and the hearts of others, it’s power will one day be seen.

**Tuesday: Matthew 13:33-35** – God’s rule works from within, unseen, but it will affect one’s entire life, which will also touch the lives of our neighbors. When Jesus spoke these parables, He also fulfilled Psalm 78:2.

**Wednesday: Mark 4:26-29** – The growth of God’s rule is not something that comes by human effort, any more than the farmer can make the seeds grow. This is God’s doing, whose works and ways are marvelous to see!

**Thursday: Acts 19:23-40** – A riot breaks out in Ephesus when the idol sales have fallen off, and Demetrius sees it as a result of successful apostolic preaching. The uproar is great but the end of it is peace and protection for the Christians there.

**Friday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13** – Saul has turned away from the Lord’s favor, and Samuel has come to anoint one of Jesse’s sons as future king. Samuel learns that God’s choice for ruler is not based on outward appearance, but on the heart within.

**Saturday: Acts 4:32-37** – The early Christians show God’s gracious ruling among them, both by their powerful testimony about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and by their actions, helping and encouraging one another.