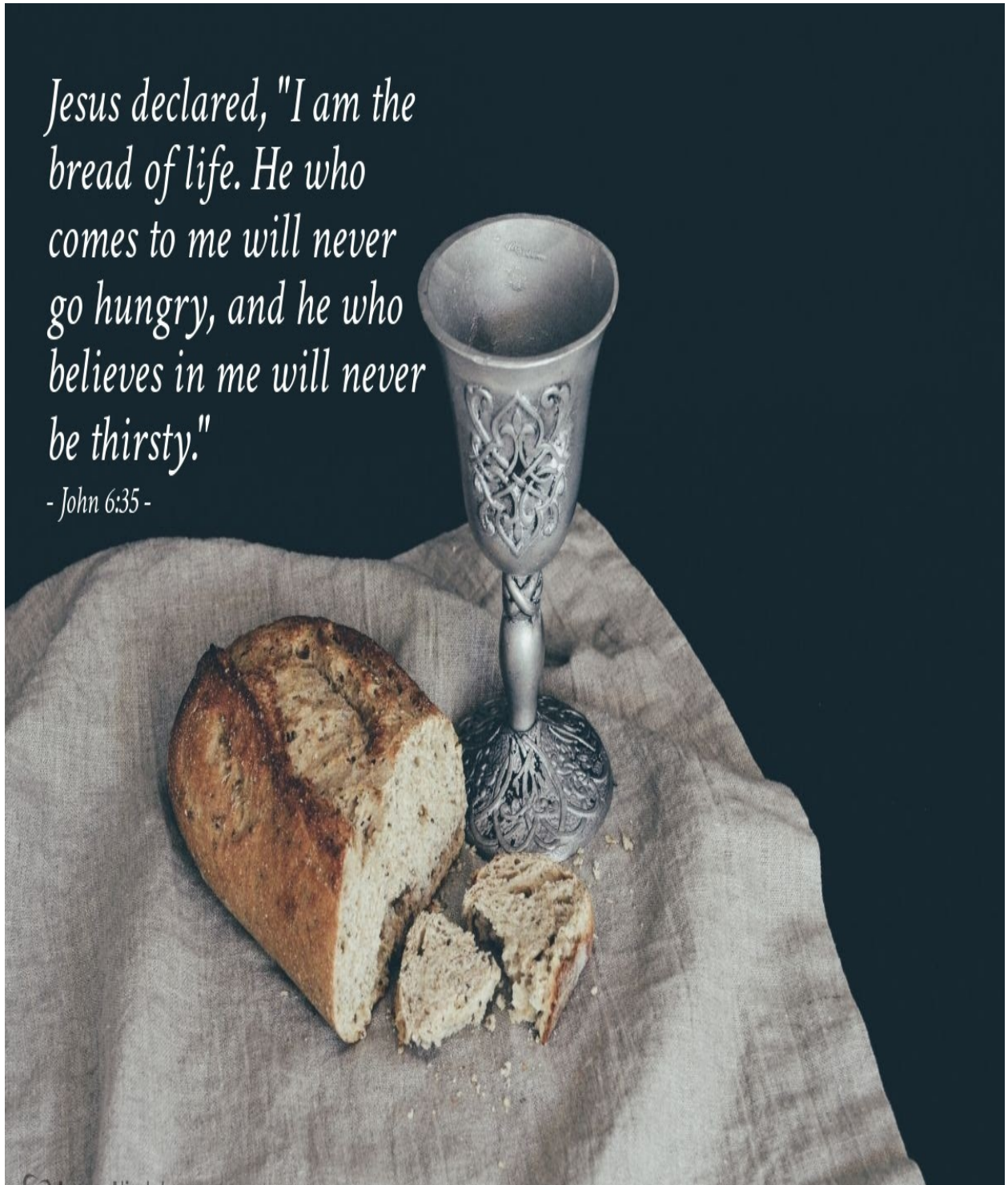


Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

- John 6:35 -



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The purpose of our Community is:
"Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ"

Prelude

Pianists: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation [Invocation -Latin:To Call Upon"]

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: The Almighty God will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the sins and wrongdoing of His people from all the earth. Isaiah 25:8b

People: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. *Philippians 4:8*

Pastor: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them.

(A moment of silent, personal confession is observed)

Pastor: Almighty and all-merciful God,

People: We admit before You that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness givenness. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. thoughts have often been impure, focused on earthly things. We have cowered in fear of our mortality. We have often refused to partake of the strength and joy You provide by neglecting Your Word, the bread of life. In the name of Jesus, forgive us our sins. Amen.

Pastor: I, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, because of the substitutionary person, life, work, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Almighty King, #135

Children's Sermonette:

"Imitators"

Pastor Droegemueller

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:1–8 ESV

(The Prophet Elijah flees from Queen Jezebel after she seeks revenge for Elijah's killing of her false prophets.)

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then 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." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But 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." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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." ⁸And 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody

Psalm 34:1–8 [ESV]

(King David expresses thanks to God for His deliverance and care.)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:17—5:2 [ESV]

(The Apostle Paul instructs the Church to walk in the new life in Christ.)

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

John 6:35–51 [ESV]

(Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread and Water of Life.)

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.*

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.” ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² 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'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ 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— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) 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, dead, and 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 shall 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.

Sermon Hymn

Glory Be To God, The Father, #139

Sermon

"God's Care For His People"

Pastor Droegemueller

Message Notes: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Message Notes Cont'd:

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me, #398

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) 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!

Distribution

Benediction *A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.*

Sending Hymn

My Faith Looks Up To Thee, #397

Pastor: *Go in peace and serve the Lord with gladness.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Things going on during the week:

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool

**Wednesdays: No Choir until after Labor Day.
No Potluck nor Bible Study until August 25.**

Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

Mark Your Calendars!

August 14, Saturday Women's Bible study, 10 am, Book of Acts

August 21, Saturday - Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. [Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!](#) [The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.](#)

August 25, Wednesday—Potluck and Bible Study resume

August 29, Sunday, - Council meeting

September 4, Saturday - Women's Bible study, 10 am, Book of Acts

September 18, Saturday - Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. [Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!](#) [The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.](#)

November 7, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Jesus, our Lord descend; From all our foes defend
Nor let us fall; Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defense be made; Our souls on Thee be stay'd;
Lord hear our call!

Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our pray'r attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success; Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore; His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.

Glory Be to God the Father

Glory be to God the Father,
Gory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bo't us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!"
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!"
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!