

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 7, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
4101 Washington Street NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

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## OPENING MEDLEY:

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” – Blue Hymnal #281 (st. 1-2)

Lord, enthroned in heav’nly splendor, First begotten from the dead,

You alone, our strong defender, You lift up your people’s head.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veil you As of old in Bethlehem,

Here as there your angels hail you, Branch and flow’r of Jesse’s stem.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.

## “We Will Glorify”



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will  
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will  
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will glo - ri - fy the  
bow be - fore His throne; We will wor - ship Him in  
Lord of all who live; He is Lord a - bove the  
lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.  
right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a lone.  
u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.  
Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

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## INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life. Let’s reflect on that as we are welcomed into His presence. From the days of Israel’s wandering, God has provided for His people.

**C:** “He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.”

**L:** God has designed creation to provide for our physical needs.

**C:** “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater...”

**L:** Wisdom invites us:

**C:** “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

**L:** God’s people are marked by how they share what they have received.

**C:** “If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.”

**L:** And listen to what God says He expects of His people:

**C:** “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.”

**L:** Let’s confess to Jesus our need for His forgiveness.

**C:** **O Bread of Life Jesus, you are everything we need. Yet we have turned so many other places for fulfillment, contentment, peace and happiness. You have called us to be blessings in the lives of others and yet we have turned inward and only thought of ourselves. By our sin we have hurt you; we have hurt others; we have hurt ourselves. Just as you have always been faithful to meet our needs, we ask you to meet our needs for mercy and grace. Forgive us. Take the victory of your perfect life and innocent death and apply them to us. In your name, Jesus, Amen.**

## **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

**P:** I will bless the LORD at all times;

**C:** **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**P:** Taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C:** **Blessed are those who take refuge in Him!**

## **SONG OF PRAISE:**

“Lord, Enthroned in heavenly Splendor” – Blue Hymnal #281 (st. 3-4)

**Paschal Lamb, your off’ring, finished Once for all when you were slain,**

**In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev’ry stain.**

**Life imparting heav’nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,**

**Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna Worship you, the Lamb who died,**

## **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Almighty God, just as food nourishes our bodies, brains and bones, we pray that today you would nourish our souls and spirits. Make us spiritually healthy and spiritually strong to be who you are calling us to be. Living by faith, being known by love, and being a voice of hope takes spiritual stamina, Lord. Make us fit for your service. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **GREETING TIME**

**+ NURTURE +**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 19:1-8**

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**L:** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

#### **EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:17-5:2**

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**L:** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter six.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

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 thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## SONG OF THE DAY: "I Am the Bread of Life"

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comes to me shall not of the hun - ger. He who be - lives in me shall not of this  
flesh for the life of the world. And he who eats of this  
thirst, bread, No one can come to - me, un - less the Fa - ther shall live for  
draw him. ev - er. And I will raise him up, and I will raise him  
up, and I will raise him up on the last day. day. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of

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 Man, and drink of His blood and drink of His blood, you

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 shall not have life with - in you. And I will raise him up, and I will

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 raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last

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 day. I am the Res - sur - rec - tion,

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 I am the Life. He who be - lives in me, ev - en if he

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 die. He will live for - ev - er. And I will raise him up, and I will

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 raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last

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 day. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that you are the

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 Christ, the Son of God who has come in - to the world, who has

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 come in - to the world. And I will raise him up, and I will raise him

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 up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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**MESSAGE:** “Spiritual Proteins” – Pastor Bill Hugo

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed**

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.

**+ EMPOWER +**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)*

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** “O Living Bread From Heaven” – Blue Hymnal #244 (st. 1 & 4)

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!

The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.

Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!

My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav’nly food, while here

My course on earth is lengthened To serve with holy fear.

And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,

I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

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