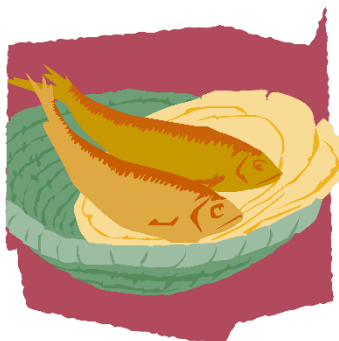
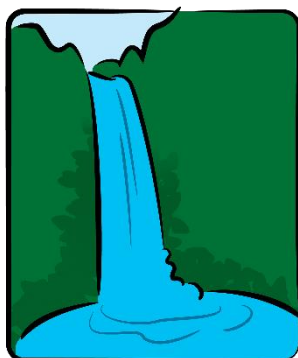


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

August 2, 2020



Food for the Soul

AS WE GATHER

We face so many arguments about food these days. Go organic. Go gluten free. Go low carb. Go vegan. Go GMO free. Our culture is deeply concerned about what sort of food we put in our bodies, because the old saying “you are what you eat” is fairly accurate. While what sort of food we put into our bodies is an important concern, Jesus compels us to make another kind of food an even higher priority than the food we chew and digest. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus feeds five thousand people, thereby revealing that He is the Word of God Incarnate, the food that feeds more than our stomachs. Jesus feeds our souls. This was foreseen by the prophet Isaiah who wrote, “Come, everyone who thirsts . . . **incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.**” The food we put into our bodies is important. Even more important is to gather in church for food that feeds the soul!

WELCOME — Pastor

RINGING OF THE BELL

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
 Let Thy will be done indeed.
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee
 While Thou dost Thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 Here is balm for all our woes.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

People: You feed our souls with the true Bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior.

Pastor: Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy,

People: so that we may participate in Your providing bread for the world, both body and soul;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Epistle*Romans 9:1–5*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus provides food in a desolate place.)

Reader: ¹³ As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. ¹⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ That evening the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

People: ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “That isn’t necessary—you feed them.”

¹⁷ “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!” they answered.

Reader: ¹⁸ “Bring them here,” he said. ¹⁹ Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. ²⁰ They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. ²¹ About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit***Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
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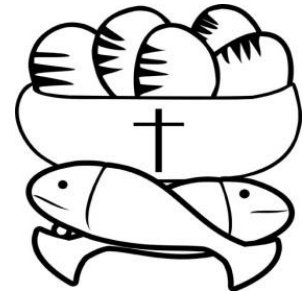
Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.



Sermon - PROBLEMS OR POSSIBILITIES?!

2 fish + 5 loaves = what Christ can do
to nourish and challenge you!

Stand

**Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.**



Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray. You give the gift of adopting us into the family of the faithful of this and every generation. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless our Lutheran Church that walking together our voices give a clear, spirited, and compassionate witness to the gifts of God in Christ to this hungry world. We give thanks for adopting us as Your sons and daughters as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give abundant promises to calm us in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your hope-sustaining promises as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the gift of Your presence when our faith wanes and our hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning, [*including . . .*]. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your glorious presence among us as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the food that sustains both our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your gracious provision as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the invitation to bring everything to You in prayer. We entrust these prayers to You, trusting in Your gracious and merciful disposition toward us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

Offering

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. Thank you.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



Sit

Distribution COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, to this world so hungry for what is truly good and what can truly satisfy our hungry hearts, You send Jesus, the Bread of Life. For joining us together in the Body of Christ and for forgiving our sins in this Holy Communion, we give thanks. Give our restless and tired hearts rest in You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Nourished by the Word of Christ and fed by Christ's body and blood, you are sent out into the world in the name of Jesus to fill the hungry with good things...

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.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 Much we need Your tender care.
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Your fold prepare.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
 Early let us do Your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
 With Your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.

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Attendance Last week :

Sunday 7.26.20 - 8:30am - 61
11:00am - 27 = 88

Men's Bible Study 7.25.2020 - 7
Sunday Bible Study 7.26.2020 - 11

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

SUNDAYS: *Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.*

TUESDAYS: *Bible Study in the church Parish Hall @6:30pm July 7th – August 11, 2020.*

SATURDAYS: *Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.*

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 7.26.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$5,690*

**total includes online giving*

Today's flowers are:

*In memory of Dwight Lewis and Bob Kegler on their shared anniversary date from their wives
Mary Lewis and Lorriane Kegler.*

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

Good Morning church family, thank you for once again stepping forward and helping us to serve the needy and homeless in Southwest Detroit at the Family of God mission. We want to thank our Cheesy Pasta casserole makers this month, Julia Smith (member of Guardian and friend of Kristen Goodman), Carole Crete, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan (2), Mary Lou Jaussi, Claudia Williamson and Kathy Verseman, they enjoy the cool fresh goodness of these salads on a hot summer day. Big thanks to Mike & Shannon Stewart for supplying rolls, individually wrapped butter and fruit cups . Marti Gilchrist supplied all the packages of plain potato chips, Beth Dempster a nice assortment of beverages, Margo supplied wrapped plastic ware and festive picnic napkins, Bill & Jan Kovalak brought in the three sectioned dinner trays and we had Rice Krispie Treats from previous donations that rounded out our meal. Barbara Hoffmeier, Pat McGuigan, Sue Poole & Julia Smith all went down and served. They asked us to make up 65 trays and our left overs were left for the next days meals. Our August meal will come quickly and we look forward to organizing another meal to feed those that are hungry, lonely, tired and needy.

The FAMILY OF GOD Mission continues to serve the people in southwest Detroit six days a week. Our volunteers from St Paul prepared and delivered food July 15th that fed 75 people. About 25 came into the building to eat, 25 take-out-boxes were picked up at the door and another 25 meals were delivered throughout the community to the homeless by Pastor Tyler Cronkright after their worship service that night. Please continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ that are physically and spiritually hungry for the Word of God and the staff who faithfully attend to their needs.

Many thanks to Janet & Bill Kovalak for their Thrivent Action card to pay for the groceries and supplies for our meal in July. The brownie bakers this month were Bernice Baggett, Joyce Carr, Mary Lewis, Shirley Mapes and Kathy Verseman. The cooks were Marti Gilchrist, Barbara Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Doris Oltersdorf and Janet Wisner. The servers were Chris Burgess, Chris Dempster, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier. Our menu was Au Gratin Potatoes with ham, peas and carrots, buttered rolls, cranberry relish, brownies and individual beverages. Our next meal will be Wednesday, August 19th. If you'd like to help please contact the Hoffmeier's #248.756.3035.