

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 11, 2024



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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

#542

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

#658 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

#658 vs. 3

Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

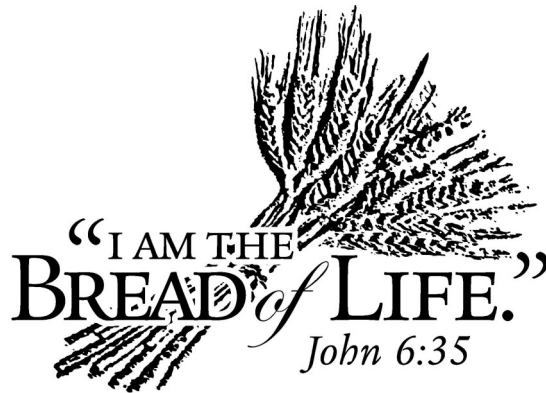
Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller



Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

#658 vs. 4

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“What Feast of Love”

#487

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

#488

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more
than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now
strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be
upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#618

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



TASTE AND **SEE**
THAT THE LORD IS GOOD
HAPPY
ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

PSALM 34:8, NRSV

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: Jesus invites all with these words: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). Welcome to worship.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Vern Dean Bohling, Norene Ives, Emma Jean Marquess, Marcy Cash, Jean Healan, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.

Follow Jesus' steps...



...Pray

Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averl Kroeke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Bobbie Balke (step-mother of Jerry Balke).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

"Little Blessings" Preschool and Day Care is planning on opening the doors of the day care on Monday, September 9th. Preschool will open for their new year on Tuesday, September 10th. The new adventure is beginning!!



Our daycare director is Barbara Metscher, who comes with a long list of working in education - classroom teacher, Special Services aide, and with Headstart. Our teacher aides include: Sidney Jones, Ashley Wright, Jillian Synder, and Kristina Casdorff. Joyce Schlesselmann and Susan Goosen will join us as substitutes.

We also have **two openings** in our day care for toddlers (ages 2-4). Contact Rhonda or Janice if interested.

Thank you to all who have made donations of toys and furnishings. Donations may be brought to the Gathering Space or the church basement. In addition to gently used toys, we also need cabinets (with doors) and low shelving units.

Prayers for a successful year!!



Teachers: The Sunday School is in need of a 4th-6th grade teacher. The lesson materials are planned out and easy to follow with student handouts and a teacher book. This is a fun age with great thoughts and ideas! Contact Anne Goosen if you are feeling called to help support our children's ministry or if you have any questions.

Float Work: Float work will be on a regular schedule of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:00pm.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 12th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **August 14th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 15th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Walk back in and join us the next week!

Saturday Worship: There will be no worship service on Saturday, **August 17th**.

Potters Wheel: On Sunday, **August 18th**, we welcome back musical guests, Potters Wheel, to lead music in our morning worship service. Potters Wheel is a bluegrass gospel group out of Lebanon, Missouri, who proclaim the gospel message through their music. We are thrilled to have them with us once again! They will offer some music starting 10-15 minutes before the service begins.



Back-to-school Blessing: Soon busses will be running, classrooms will be buzzing, and school will be back in session. We will recognize the start of the school year in worship for both students and teachers on Sunday, **August 18th**, with words of blessing and prayer. If you will be returning to school we invite you to bring your backpack to worship that weekend so that you can be recognized!

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **August 19th** at **ESTHER CIRCLE** 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.



Cole Camp Fair: The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the link. A link to the online schedule has been posted on the church's facebook page. If you are unable to work the hours listed, please feel free to write in hours that fit your time or abilities. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Pies: If anyone would like to order pies for the Cole Camp Fair we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$11.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan, same as last year. We will take orders thru **September 1st**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.

Kid's Meals: Once again this summer, the Salvation Army of Benton County is distributing summer kid's meals for families across our county. This program provides a weekly bag of groceries to help supplement meals while kids are home from school for the summer. Nearly 100 kids in Cole Camp alone benefitted from this last year with thousands of meals distributed across the county. Can you help support this program? We will have buckets in the back of the church if you would like to make a financial contribution. Or include it in your offering, designated for "Kid's Meals." Thank you!



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 11:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, August 12:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, August 13:	5:30pm	Float Work
Wednesday, August 14:	5:30pm 7:00pm	Float Work Council
Thursday, August 15:	8:00am 5:30pm	BCHD Float Work
Saturday, August 17:	NO	Casual Worship
Sunday, August 18:	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Back-to-school Blessing Potter's Wheel



~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

August 18	Potter's Wheel
September 1	Set Up Fair Stand
September 2	Labor Day
September 5, 6, 7	Cole Camp Fair

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 11, 2024

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Debbie Eckhoff & Erin Oelrichs
Reader Lexi Goyette
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Grady Elliott & Khloe Viebrock
Flowers Kim Gumbel



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 18, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Susan Goosen
Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes Grant Kullman & Mason Randall
Flowers Glenalee Dillon

