I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

John 6:35



# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Service Carey Elam, Pastor Steve Richardson, Associate Pastor

## Saint Paul Lutheran Church

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## Prelude and Meditation Psalm 145:10-21 Welcome

#### 905 Come, Thou Almighty King



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## Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: 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.

## Absolution

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit - Psalm 78:23-25

- P: With upright heart he shepherded them C: and guided them with his skillful hand.
- P: He commanded the skies above
  - C: and opened the doors of heaven,
- P: and he rained down on them manna to eat
  - C: and gave them the grain of heaven.
- P; Man ate of the bread of the angels;
  - C: he sent them food in abundance.
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P: With upright heart he shepherded them C: and guided them with his skillful hand.

# Kyrie

- LSB 152
- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: 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.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

- LSB 154
- P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
  We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
  Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
  Lord God, Lamb of God:
  You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
  You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
  For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
  You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

### **First Reading**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3and the people of Israel said to them,

"Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.

" <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?"

<sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord."

## (First Reading continued)

<sup>19</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling." <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>3</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## **Epistle Reading**

## Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

<sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia & Verse

- C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.
- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.
- C: Glory to You, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

# John 6:22-35

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

<sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

<sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>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.".

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **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, 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

You may be seated

#### 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



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Sermon

*"Missing the Real Miracle"* John 6:24-35 Pastor Carey Elam

<u>Notes</u>

**Prayer of the Church** 

Offering

## Preface

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples.

For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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## The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

"Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after sup per, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, Youlead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The 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.

## Pax Domini

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

# Passing of the Peace

Agnus Dei

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C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

#### Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

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A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

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- P 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 \$\overline{\overline{1}}\$ give you peace.
- C Amen.

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Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome Home Family Reunion Worship

Sun, Aug 22 @ 10:00 am Combined Worship Followed by cookout, games, and fellowship Let's hangout and visit with those you haven't seen in a while and get to know our new family members.

Sunday School Begins Aug 29 @ 9:15 am

## Food Bank Service Day

Service day: Wed August 25 @ 1 - 3:30 pm Volunteer Application

You must fill out a volunteer application. See Website for Volunteer Application. Deadline is August 10th.

## Youth Group Yard Sale 2 week countdown Aug 14, Sat 6:00 a.m.

Please bring your gently used items to the Fellowship hall Profits will help the youth on their way to the National Youth Gathering

Check out the Calendar: https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar

God's Blessings on your homeward way

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