

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. John 6:56

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2

Herbert Howells

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bruce Tippette

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 408 Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

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.

KYRIE



Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen. We sit.

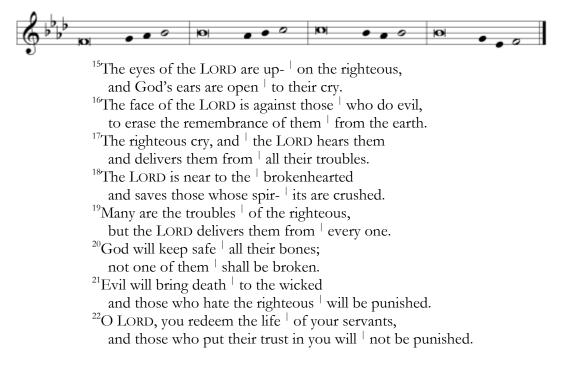
WELCOME

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



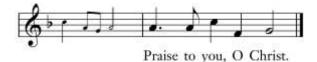
GOSPEL John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to Saint John.



[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit. BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SERMON We stand. HYMN OF THE DAY 826 Thine the Amen SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Pastor Wollner Vicar Norris

THINE

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APOSTLES' CREED (8:30)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. We sit.

✤ MEAL ♣

OFFERING	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) Love the Lord	arr. Mark Schweizer
Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sov'reign die?	
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?	
O who is like Jesus? Halleluia, Praise ye the Lord!	
There's none like Jesus, Halleluia, Love and serve the Lord!	
Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in,	
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, For mortal creature's sin.	
O who is like Jesus? Halleluia, Praise ye the Lord!	
There's none like Jesus, Halleluia, Love and serve the Lord!	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) Come to the Feast	Hyun Kook
Come in to the feast that our Lord has provided,	
Brothers and sisters, who gather in this place;	
Come savor this meal as you savor this moment;	
Come giving thanks as you meet Him face to face.	
Refrain: Bread of redemption, Cup of salvation,	
Served by our Savior, this sweet celebration;	
Glory and honor, praise, adoration	
Unto our Lord, for His table set with grace.	
Come offering your hearts to be bathed in His mercy,	
Humble and open to follow after Christ;	
Come, laying aside all your strife and your anger,	
Come in repentance to the One who offers life. <i>Refrain</i>	
Partake of this bread, for you it is broken;	
Come drink this wine, for you, it has been poured.	
Then, brothers and sisters, who meet at His table;	
Go out to serve in the name of our Lord. Refrain	

We stand.

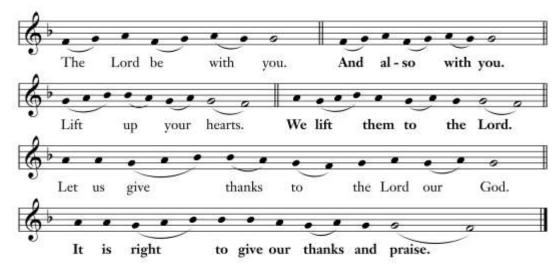
OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

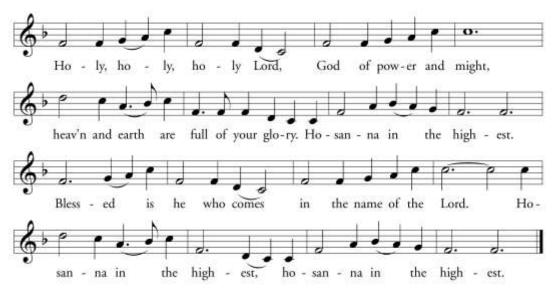
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION HYMN 494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

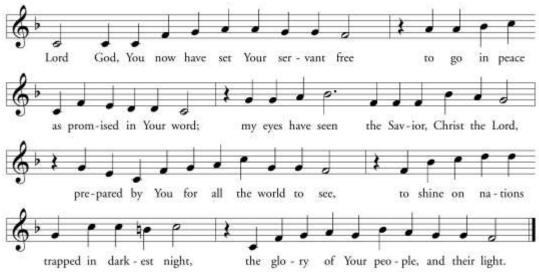
OMNI DIE

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

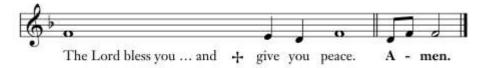
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN 757 All My Hope on God Is Founded

MICHAEL

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Processional in E-flat

David N. Johnson

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Next Sunday

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WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Troutman Family in loving memory of our parents, Reverend Dr. Edwin and Faye Troutman.

We welcome Louise Pledger White and Eleanor Thompson Wiles into the Christian Family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Louise is the daughter of Brandon and Melissa White. Her sponsors are Ian White and Pam Wiles. Ellie is the daughter of Mike and Kim Wiles. Her sponsors are Chip and Anne Brown Campbell.

Flowers on the Altar. Thank you to everyone who contributes the beautiful altar flowers every week. If you are interested in giving flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, call the church office for more information. Available dates are September 9, 30; October 7, 14, 21; November 25; December 16, and 30.

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please complete the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

Our Homebound Member is Elizabeth Efird, 142 Bermuda Village Drive, Room 1, Bermuda Run, NC 27006. Please send Elizabeth a note.

Please take notice: Please be sure to have any announcements into the church office for the September 2 bulletin by Thursday, August 20 at noon. We appreciate your cooperation.

J.O.Y. Bus Trip will be leaving promptly at 9:00 A.M. on September 5 from the youth area parking lot on Pilot View Road.

Monday Night Book Study: Please join us on Monday nights from September 10 through November 12 from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. as we review and discuss the book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd floor. For questions or more information, please contact Pastor Lori Carter at the church office (336-722-8144) or at lcarter5158@gmail.com.

Today we welcome Adam Waldo as our next Organ Intern. Adam is a college freshman at UNCSA, and comes from Davidson United Methodist Church. Please welcome Adam to Augsburg!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Thursday, September 5 begins the 14th year of Augsburg's Men's Fellowship Breakfast. On the first and third Thursday of each month men of Augsburg have been meeting for a light breakfast, fellowship and an engaging discussion of a current focus issue. The meetings, held in the youth activity area, begin at 7:30 A.M. and promptly end at 8:30 A.M. Participants volunteer in advance to provide breakfast and prepare a topic for discussion. There is always room for more attendees and if interested please contact Don Eppert (336-768-6403 or eppdk@aol.com).

Lutheran World Relief: It's that time of year where we prepare school and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Kits will be distributed to families around the world who cannot afford to purchase these supplies on their own. Bags for the school kits, containing instructions for filling them, will be available outside the Gathering Room, outside the church office, and in the children's Sunday school auditorium. Loose copies of the instruction sheets detailing the items for the personal care kits will also be available at the same locations. Personal care supplies should be rolled up in a bath towel, but not placed in any type of bag. Please return filled bags and personal care kits to drop off boxes at any of the three pick up locations. Collection will continue until mid-October. There are children around the world depending on our generosity.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you–or someone you know–could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Worship attendance for services last week: 105 at 8:30; 129 at 11:00; 16 visitors.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Acts. Bring your Bible.

Calendar for August 26-September 2

76 Equatoonth Sunday after Dontooost	20 Thursday	
26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	30 Thursday	
8:30a Service of Holy Communion	Pastor Paul out	
(Sanctuary)	6:15p Adult Choir I	
9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship	(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)	
(Family Life Center)		
10:00a Sunday School	31 Friday	
11:00a Service of Holy Communion	12:00p Office Closes Early	
(Sanctuary)	Labor Day Holiday	
(Sanctuary)	Labor Day Honday	
27 Monday	2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Michaelene Wirth out through 8/31	8:30a Service of Holy Communion	
6:00p Continue in My Word	(Sanctuary)	
(Youth Area)	9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship	
(Touri mea)	(Family Life Center)	
28 Tuesday	10:00a Sunday School	
6:30p Stephen Ministries	11:00a Service of Holy Communion	
(Youth Area)	(Sanctuary)	
29 Wednesday	3 Monday	
6:00p Social Ministry	Labor Day Holiday	
(Discovery Classroom)	Office Closed	
7:15p Adult Choir II		

(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)

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