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John 6:35

# **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 8, 2021 9:00 AM; 6:00 PM Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

Please note the following parameters set forth by our Congregational Council: Augsburg's Medical Advisors STRONGLY RECOMMEND that all participants at indoor events at Augsburg wear masks while inside the facility.

At the 6:00 p.m. Worship – All worship participants are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. (Note: All those leading worship in the chancel or choir loft are vaccinated, and will only remove masks while speaking or singing.)

#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting X

In-person worship rubrics will be found in bold italics.

# + GATHERING +

# **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Aria

Paul O. Manz Bruce Tippette

**ACCLAMATION**Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.

(John 6:51)

We stand.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

#### 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.

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.

In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed stanzas of the Gathering Hymn as 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 658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts (Stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

WALTON

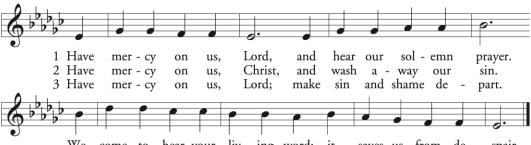


Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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**



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair. 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 us new hearts! in

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of Might-y God of all sur - pass - ing worth; gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; of God and Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign God's right hand. at Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



be-fore you; Saints and an - gels bow Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; For the peace that we in - her - it,

here on earth our songs we raise. your prom-ise firm we stand. in glo - ry be God on high! to

### 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 1 Kings 19:4-8

[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." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He 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. The 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." He 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. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** 34:1-8 ELW Tone 16



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

<sup>2</sup>I will glory | in the LORD;

let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD; let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who | answered me and delivered me from | all my terrors.

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and <sup>|</sup> the LORD heard me and saved me from <sup>|</sup> all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God!

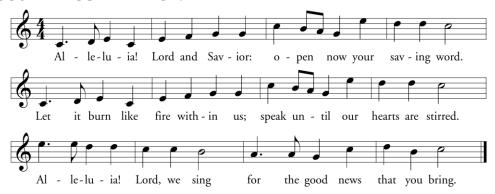
# **SECOND READING** Ephesians 4:25--5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves 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. Let 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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and 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. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

We stand.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It 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. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I 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.



We sit.

**SERMON** Rev. Carter

### In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed stanzas of the Hymn of the Day.

AURELLA

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 542 O Living Bread from Heaven (All Stanzas) liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest! 0 have led me with - in your ho - liest place, I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy. 2 My Sav - ior, you have led You gave me all grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest. here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace; And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy. my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear; O won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes! you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy, for Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown, bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy, thank-ful song o'er - flows! My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne. and all my ev - er raise you glad songs in end-less where I will joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

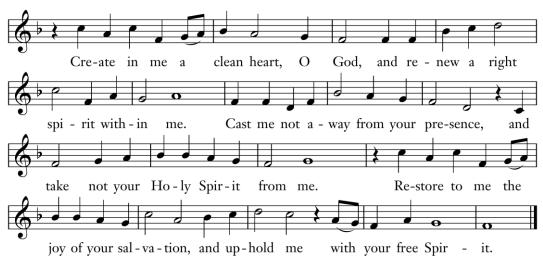
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

# + MEAL +

## **OFFERING**

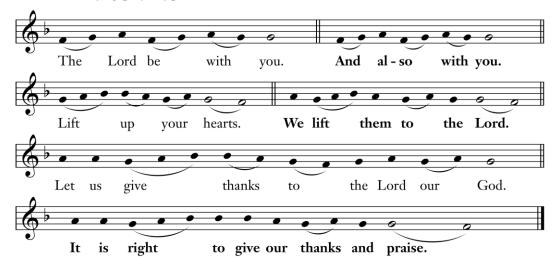
## **OFFERTORY HYMN**



# Let us pray.

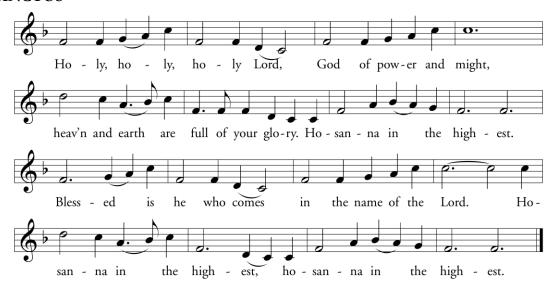
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **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 using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Glutenfree wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will 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.

We stand.

#### TABLE BLESSING

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

#### Amen.

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



In-person worship: The congregation will sing the appointed portion of the Sending Hymn as 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.

## **SENDING HYMN** 793 Be Thou My Vision (ALL Stanzas)

SLANE



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Voluntary in G Major

William Walond

# Soli Deo Gloria!

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# **Announcements**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Sarah Peatross and Hank Niblock on August 7, and in memory of Sarah and Hank's grandparents.

**Congratulations to Sarah Peatross and Hank Niblock who were married** before the altar at Augsburg, on Saturday, August 7. Sarah is the daughter of Susan and Craig Peatross. We pray God's blessing upon them as they begin their married life.

This week we keep in prayer Marylynn Sloop, 118 North Harbor Watch Drive, Statesville, NC 28677. Please send Marylynn a note.

Thanks to Cantor (Emeritus) Armitage for filling in while Cantor Olsen is on vacation!

If you have not done so, please attend the final Associate Pastor Call Committee congregation information session tomorrow evening, August 9, at 5:30 in the Family Life Center. Childcare will be available.

**Augsburg's Softball Team is back, and our first game is this week!** We are playing at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. in Washington Park on Wednesday, August 11. Spectators are always welcome! If you are interested in joining the team, please email Hannah at <a href="mailto:hannah@alcws.org">hannah@alcws.org</a>. Play ball!

Wine & Word is back! Starting on Tuesday, August 10, join us at 7:00 every Tuesday evening in August in the Outdoor Gathering Space. Bring a chair if you like and wine to share—light snacks provided. To keep us all safe—there's no glass in the grass (of the OGS), so we will have volunteers pouring wine at tables just outside the space.

The deadline for submissions to the September Beacon is Wednesday, August 11. Please send your Beacon information to Kathy Barnes at <a href="kathy@alcws.org">kathy@alcws.org</a>.

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 22 at the 10:30 service in the Outdoor Gathering Space.

On September 12, following the Sunday morning services, Augsburg will once again be hosting opportunities to serve in our community...connecting us with other ELCA Lutherans on God's Work/Our Hands Sunday: A food packing event with Rise Against Hunger which will be held in the Family Life Center and will be following all safety precautions. Lunch provided. Sign-up now online at <a href="http://events.risagainsthunger.org/AugsburgLutheran2021">http://events.risagainsthunger.org/AugsburgLutheran2021</a> or in person in the Narthex on the Sundays leading up to the event. Also, on Sunday September 26, we will be serving lunch following the service at the Dwelling, the community of faith led by Pastor Emily Norris. Please consider being a part of either of these wonderful opportunities to do God's work with our own hands. Questions? Call or text Joanna Britt at 336 418-1876.

Altar Flower Dedications. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Covington at <a href="mailto:covingtonbet@gmail.com">covingtonbet@gmail.com</a> for more information. The cost is \$80. We currently have an open slot for August 29.

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is <a href="mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org">seniorpastor@alcws.org</a> and Pastor Lori is <a href="mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org">pastoralassociate@alcws.org</a>.

Readings for next week: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

Worship attendance for services last week: 148 in person and 64 views on YouTube.

# **Providing Service Today**

Bulletin Cover Artist

James Wollner

Ushers

(9:00) Nick Seeba, Damien Richardson, David Shirlen

(6:00) Pat Holland, Jack Strandhoy, Elizabeth Chéron

Head Usher

(9:00) Don Eppert

Communion Assistants

(9:00) Marty Tanyi

(6:00) Maria Fortin

Altar Guild for August

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