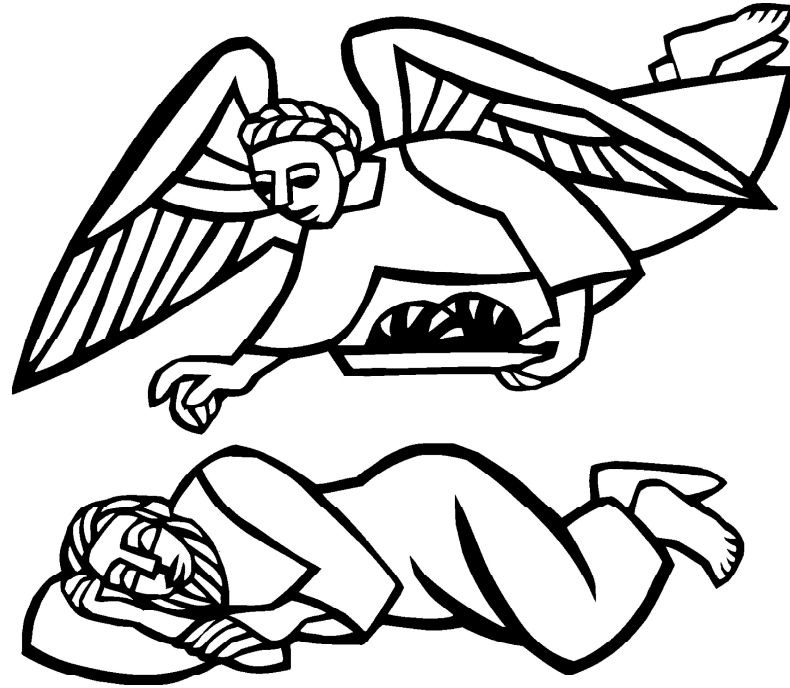


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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 2024 - 10:30 AM

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Introduction

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.

Jesus, Living Bread

What is meant by “living bread”? When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, God gave them manna from heaven to sustain them on their way. They had to collect this manna every day and could not harvest more than one day’s portion, except to prepare for the sabbath, because if they did, the manna would go bad. That is the fate of everything that is not living: cars rust, food molds, even still water stagnates. But to be living is to find renewal over and over and over again.

One of the defining characteristics of life is the ability to be renewed. By proclaiming “I am the living bread,” Jesus reminds us this week that he is the embodiment of God’s sustaining presence. Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection we are brought into a covenantal relationship with God that has been established for all time. In the sacrament of communion we are brought to Christ’s table to be renewed again and again and again.

God’s renewal also comes to us throughout our daily lives. God’s redeeming love for us is often most present at the edge of our sin and brokenness, where we are most in need of healing and redemption. God’s redeeming love is present every time we find reconciliation with a loved one or forgive one another. Anywhere we experience healing and wholeness in our daily lives, God’s renewal is present, and we are reminded of the renewal we receive through the sacrament of the altar. Thanks be to God for providing us with the living bread that is Jesus, through whom we find renewal and peace.

** indicates to stand as you are able.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jamie Vannoy

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Broken in Love



This is my bod - y, bro - ken in love; take it and
eat and re - mem - ber me. This is my blood,
poured out in love; take it and drink and re - mem - ber
me. For love is will - ing ev - 'ry day to
die in or - der to live, and love is pa - tient
for a way to share the gifts that I give.

OPENING LITANY

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,
for struggles, for solitude, for opportunities to grow.**

Give thanks to God
at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**We thank God that, in Christ,
our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter,
are in God's heart and hands.**

GATHERING SONGS

Come as You Are

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come, find your mercy. O sinner, come, kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

(Verse 2 - All)

**There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed.
Come, sit at the table; come, taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.**

(Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.
Come as you are.
Fall in his arms.
Come as you are.**

(Verse 3 - Music Ministers)

There's joy for the mourning. O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

(Final Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.
Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

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*Lord, Reign in Me*

VERSES



1. O ver all the earth, You reign on high, ev - 'ry moun - tain stream,  
2. O ver ev - 'ry thought, o - ver ev - 'ry word, may my life re - flect



ev - 'ry sun - set sky. But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly aim  
the beau - ty of my Lord; 'Cause You mean more to me than an - y earth - ly thing.

REFRAIN



is that You'd reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r;  
So won't You reign in me a - gain.



O - ver all my dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am,

<sup>1</sup> to verse 2



so won't You reign in me a - gain.

(1) | 2 *to final refrain* FINAL REFRAIN

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Living Waters

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
 Come, and drink these living waters.
 Tired and broken? Peace unspoken,
 Rest beside these living waters.

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)

Christ is calling, find refreshing
 At the cross of living waters.
 Lay your life down: all the old gone;
 Rise up in these living waters.

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

There's a river that flows
 With mercy and love,
 Bringing joy to the city of our God.
 There our hope is secure;
 Do not fear anymore;
 Praise the Lord of living waters.

(Verse 3 - All)

**Spirit moving, mercy washing,
 Healing in these living waters.
 Lead your children to the shoreline;
 Life is in these living waters.**

(Refrain - All)

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore;
Praise the Lord of living waters.**

(Bridge - Music Ministers)
Ooh...

(Verse 4 - All)

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come, and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness: vast and boundless;
Christ - he is our living waters.**

(Final Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore;
Praise the Lord of living waters.**

There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore;
Praise the Lord of living waters.

**** CONFESSION**

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

**** FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assisting Minister

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.**

**** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading and song.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

A reading from 1 Kings.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 34

Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see the good-ness of the
Lord, the good-ness of the Lord.

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth.
Glory in the Lord forever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.

Verse 2

Glory in the Lord with me; let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Verse 3

Look to God that you might be radiant with joy,
and your faces free from all shame.
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

A reading from Ephesians.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**** GOSPEL**

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pr. Jamie Vannoy

**** 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 power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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 THE COMMUNITY**

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**
Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**
Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

**** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples 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."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another .

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

HOLY COMMUNION

REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

SENDING

**** BLESSING**

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

**** SENDING SONG**

Better Than Life

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers / **All**)

Your love is everlasting,
It's an everlasting love;
Your mercy is as new
As ev'ry rising of the sun,
And your lovingkindness,
Lovingkindness is better than life.
Your grace is all sufficient,
It's an all sufficient grace;
Your power and your glory
Are forever on display,
And your lovingkindness,
Lovingkindness is better than life.

(Refrain - **All**)

**Oh, it's better;
Oh, better than life;
Oh, so much better;
Jesus, your lovingkindness
Is better than life.**

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers / **All**)

Fairest of ten thousand,
Of ten thousand, you are fair,
And nothing in this world
Could ever measure or compare
To your lovingkindness,

Lovingkindness is better than life.

All your ways are just, O Lord,
You're just in all your ways,
And I will lift my hands, O Lord,
With gratitude and praise
For your lovingkindness,

Lovingkindness is better than life.

(Refrain - All)

Oh, it's better,

Oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better.

Jesus, your lovingkindness

Is better than life.

Interlude

(Bridge - Music Ministers / **All**)

Jesus, your lovingkindness
Is better than life itself,
Better than life itself.

Jesus, your lovingkindness

Is better than life itself,

Is better than life.

(Refrain - All)

Oh, it's better,

Oh, better than life.

Oh, so much better.

Jesus, your lovingkindness

Is better than life.

**** DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Created, saved and gifted by God, we seek serve and share Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE

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**"W + 2" = WORSHIP PLUS TWO**

Make a commitment not only to worship each week,  
but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation  
and seek out a way to serve our community.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

### **Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253**

Sunday, August 11, 2024

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

### **Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

### **Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

### **Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

Thursday, August 15, 2024

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.