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**"Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they
will be filled."**

Matthew 5:6

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11th Sunday after Pentecost – August 4, 2024

Order of Worship Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Jeana Kettner; Ushers Bob Rankin, Don Claeys
Communion Usher Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 107:1-9 (pew bible, p.539)
- ◆ The Hymns: 906, 704, 625, 918
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 16:1-15, Ephesians 4:17-24
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 145
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*printed on last page of liturgy insert*)

Sermon Text – John 6:24-35

Theme – "*The Bread that Gives Life*"

1. The quest for it. 2. The Source of it.

- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (918)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 16:1-15

Manna from Heaven

1 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. 2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3 and 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.” 4 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. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” 6 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, 7 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?” 8 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.” 9 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.’” 10 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. 11 And the LORD said to Moses, 12 “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.’” 13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. 14 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. 15 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.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 145

A Song of God's Majesty and Love

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:

C And his greatness is unsearchable.

P One generation shall commend your works to another:

C And shall declare your mighty acts.

P The LORD is gracious and merciful:

C Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P The LORD upholds all who are falling:

C And raises up all who are bowed down.

P The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season:

C You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P The LORD is near to all who call on him:

C To all who call on him in truth.

P He fulfills the desire of those who fear him:

C He also hears their cry and saves them.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 4:17-24

Put Off Your Old Self and Put on the New

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Sermon Text – John 6:24-35

I Am the Bread of Life

24 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. 25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 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. 27 Do not work 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.” 28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30 So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 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. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” 35 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.

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/4)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee/Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (8/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee/Fellowship Time

Young Adult Bible Study: Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30 pm (in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library, Castle Pines) Study topic: Discussion of the book *Mere Christianity* (Book I), by C. S. Lewis. Questions? See Derek Barthels or the pastor.

The Church Work Day, postponed in early July, has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 17. Time: 8:00 am to noon.

Membership Transfers: Last Sunday, at the quarterly voters meeting, the membership of Lydia Kettner-Kern was transferred from St. Paul to Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI. Daniel Battig was received into communicant membership at St. Paul by transfer from Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ. We welcome Dan into our midst and ask the Lord to richly bless him through our fellowship with one another in the Gospel. We pray the Lord to richly bless Lydia in her new church home through the Gospel ministry of Luther Memorial Congregation.

Evangelism Seminar

At the quarterly voters meeting last Sunday the voters resolved to extend an invitation to Mark Tiefel to present an evangelism seminar at St. Paul on Friday evening, August 23 (the starting time will be shared as soon as this is determined). Information on the seminar.

- It will last 60-90 minutes.
- The presentation is titled “Acts of Evangelism.” It takes a look at evangelism examples from the Book of Acts while applying them to modern circumstances.
- There will also be an opportunity to hear about how the CDF can support our local mission efforts and projects they have available for use in our CLC churches.
- A meal will also be served. Details on this to be shared soon.

Synod News & Notes

"The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place on Sun. Aug. 25, 3:00 p.m., at the campus fieldhouse. This service will include the installation of Professor Matthew Thurow. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as we grow together in the truth of God's saving Word." (from ILC President, Dan Schierenbeck)

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions – August 5-10

Mon Matthew 23:34-39 Jesus laments the deep darkness of the blind leaders who reject the Light of the world (Jn8:12). They shed the blood of others, as did their fathers, while He will shed His own blood for the world!

Tues Acts 7:54-59 The contrast is once again stark between Stephen, speaking by the Holy Spirit, and the leaders of his people, who seek to drown out his voice and to drown him, too, with stones. Yet the Lord Jesus will receive his spirit!

Wed Deuteronomy 32:1-9 The Lord had told Moses that after his death, the people would forsake God (31:16). Thus Moses farewell song includes both the greatness of God and the plea to remember His gracious leading and not to forsake Him.

Thurs John 8:12-19 God the Father not only created the light of the sun and stars, but also sent His own Son into the world to give the light of life. Those who reject that Light are also in the dark about His Father.

Fri 2 Timothy 2:3-9 A good soldier of Christ Jesus (or athlete, or farmer) will face hardship and suffering at the hands of God's enemies. But remember your risen Lord, and you will know that His word is not hindered.

Sat 1 Peter 4:12-19 When we suffer hardship or insults because of our faith in Jesus, we can rejoice to be sharing in Christ's sufferings and look forward to the day when His glory is revealed. He will give us the crown of Life!