



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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**We come together to love God and one another, Serve others, and Share God's Word.
We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and
resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ.**

**Worship 10:00 am
August 11 , 2024**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost
Healing**

**Pastor Bill Schilling
Ministers Members**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

** please stand if you are able*

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

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

***GATHERING SONG: Baptized in Water ELW 456**

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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



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 at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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.

Please be seated

FIRST READING **1 Kings 19:4-8** ⁴[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."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ 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.⁷ 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."⁸ 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**

PSALM **Psalm 34:1-8**

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

²**I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

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

⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors. R

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

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.

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

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! R

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND READING **Ephesians 4:25—5:2** ²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves 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. ²⁹Let 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. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which

you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and 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 ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

The Gospel according to John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you O Lord**

John 6:35, 41-51 ³⁵Jesus 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.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They 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?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It 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. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and

they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY **O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts** **ELW 658**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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**

HEALING AND ANOINTING

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share God's Peace.

***OFFERTORY SONG**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.

***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.**

BLESSING

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

***SENDING SONG** **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** **ELW 623**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace,
To LOVE, SERVE, and SHARE God's word.

Church Records

In order to LOVE, SERVE and SHARE God's Word in 2024, we commit to regular attendance at worship and Sunday school, to time spent in service to others, and daily Bible reading and prayer. As God blesses us with what we need, we respond with gifts that support God's work at St. John's. In order to meet current expenses, we have committed to monetary gifts totaling almost \$2096 a week.

Statistics for August 4, 2024 *Attendance at worship: 45*

Current	\$2711	Missionary	\$60
Benevolence	170	Windows	480
Memorial	400	Disaster	25
		Total	\$2540

Worship Assistants

Organist – Jenny Dawson

Lay Reader – Chris Ingram

August Ushers – Fred Boebel and Scott Hittle

Altar Guild – Janette Hittle

Altar flowers are given in honor of Jack Cotterman's 9th birthday.

Announcements

Please join us for a meal and fellowship after the service!

August Honorees – Gabriel Collins, 8/2; Judy Erbaugh, 8/10; Ellie Arnett, 8/21; Randy & Chris Ingram, 8/22; Bill Dafler, 8/25; Stephanie Cotterman, 8/28; Jenny Dawson, 8/30.

Ice Cream Social – Volunteers are needed to work the day of the social, 250 ct. square dinner napkins, 100, 8 oz styrofoam cups, and items for the bazaar table. See Chris if you can donate any of these items. Thanks!

Fellowship Meal with St. Andrew – Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 pm at Buckey Jakes.

Sleep Mat Project – Saturday, August 17, 9-11:00 am.

Ronald McDonald House – We are entering into the Pantry Partner season! The list below contains items needed to help stock the shelves of RMH. Donations may be placed on the table in the fellowship hall no later than October 20. **Fruit cups, paper napkins, tooth brushes and toothpaste, paper products (bowls, plates, napkins), mayonnaise, mustard, disinfectant spray and wipes, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels and crackers, cereals (all individual serving sized), cheese and peanut butter crackers, poptarts, boxed mac-n-cheese, ravioli, granola bars, canned chicken, hot chocolate, Crystal Light or generic drink mix, canned soup, ramen noodles, ravioli, laundry detergent, Swiffer wet jet liquid cleaner, paper towels, plastic spoons and forks, plastic wrap, baggies, and laundry detergent,**

Food Bank – Current needs are mac & cheese, shampoo, egg noodles, and ramen noodles.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social – Sunday, August 25, 11:15 am - 1:15 pm
282 S. Broadway Street, Farmersville.

GOSPEL MESSAGE 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.