



CLASSIC SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 • 8:30 AM • "I AM" SERIES 2 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses. **Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35) Today we will worship our Lord and Savior, who said of himself, "I am the Bread of life." Through faith we are nourished by Jesus' Word, his forgiveness, and by his very body and blood in his holy Supper when taken together.

WELCOME

Please Stand

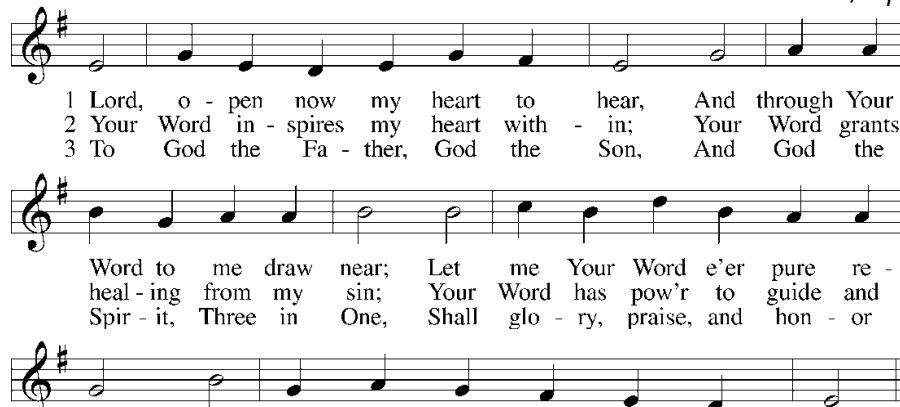
CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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OPENING SENTENCES

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

C **Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.**

P This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

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

P If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

C **And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In silence, let's call upon God's holy name realizing our hunger and how He alone satisfies.

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C Almighty God, instead of nourishing our faith through listening to Your Word, we often try to satisfy ourselves with the temptations offered by the world around us. We turn from Your ways to follow our own sinful desires. We try to fill our lives with things that can never truly satisfy us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

P God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to be our Savior. He is the Bread of life, and in Him we have eternal life. 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. We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord!

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.

5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.

The Lord hath judgments for the proud; And justice for the oppressed.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, in Your infinite grace You have forgiven our wayward hunger and its effects. Grant that the satisfaction our Lord has given us in His humble sacrifice, be evident in our service to You and the people around us each day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(God's gracious dealings.)*

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

8 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(cont.)*

fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water, Springing up eternally.

4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.

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EPISTLE *(Avoiding Israel's slide into idolatry.)*

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

John 6:35

P Alleluia. Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,

C and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *(The Bread of God is He who brings life to the world.)*

John 6:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. ²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that

HOLY GOSPEL (cont.)

his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated - (Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC))

MESSAGE HYMN

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

RESPONSE

956 Create in Me

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!) Children return from CC.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer response after each petition:

P Jesus, Bread of heaven,

C **Nourish us in faith and bring us to eternal life.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

John 6:32-35; Numbers 6:24-26

P Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven,

C **But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**

P For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

C **They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."**

P Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

C **Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

RECEPTION/ PRAYER/ DISMISSAL

Into the world, fed and fulfilled by the Bread of Life...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor Rev. Jason Hoerth
Organist Barbara Face
Elder Bob Ruppel

Children's Msg. Chris Graves, DCE
Reader Emily Petrey
Acolyte Abby Wood

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