



JESUS

The Bread of Life

New Life Lutheran Church
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"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

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.

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.



OPENING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

LBW # 433



PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”



Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.



Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.



Gospel: John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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OFFERING (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)
You can use the QR code to give online



OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

Heavenly Father, **you have given us riches beyond measure. Bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.**



APOSTLES' CREED (In unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.



THE PRAYERS



THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.



BENEDICTION

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

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

August 4th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Youth Bible study and donuts

August 5th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

August 8th - 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids
5:30 pm Bible Study

August 11th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion
11:00 am English Tea with Elise

Pastor Randy will be on vacation
August 2nd - 7th &
August 15th - 21st

Office manager hours:

Tuesday, August 6th - Thursday, August 8th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, August 12th - Wednesday, August 14th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Youth Events

- August 4th- Bible study and donuts 11am following worship, all are welcome.
- August 25th- Goosechase scavenger hunt and lunch in Fergus Falls. Will need a couple of drivers! Tentatively leaving after worship and returning around 2:30 pm. Sign up as an individual or a team with Jess on or before August 11th so we can have everyone split up and a plan for time/lunch!



Phyllis Hauger-Shirley-Morrill is turning 100 years young on July 29th!

If you've been a part of Phyllis's life, please join us in making this a very special occasion! Please send her a birthday card with a short personal message to:

Phyllis Morrill
Mill Street Residence
802 S. Mill Street
Apt. 323
Fergus Falls, MN. 56537



LORD, What Were You Thinking?

A Study of Various and Sometimes Puzzling
Biblical Personalities and Events

Thursday Evenings at 5:30 pm
At New Life Lutheran Church

August 8, 22, & 29

Free Brats and Lemonade
*The rest of the menu is
what you choose to bring!*



Come, eat, and explore the Bible with us!

If you have a group that would like to meet at another time/place,
Pastor Randy would be glad to work with you on that!
For more info call Pastor Randy (701) 238-1863

Join us for

ENGLISH TEA WITH ELISE

When: Sunday, August 11, following worship at NLLC

What: Serving finger sandwiches, scones, tea cake, and other goodies!

Why: To Support Elise's mission work!

Elise Whitehead will be serving as a volunteer with Ascension Church in Balham, England (London) as part of Young Adults in Global Mission. Elise is asked to raise at least \$6,000 as part of this call. She will be in church to share more about her mission call on August 11. Free will offering will go towards helping Elise meet her goal.

If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate,
go to <http://support.elca.org/goto/elisewhitehead>

