

# **Morning Worship**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church - 8:30 AM**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church - 11:00 AM**  
**August 11, 2024**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Before we begin our worship this morning, I acknowledge that Bethesda Lutheran Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church sits on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe People, and we honor their elders both past and present. Their presence is imbued in the lands and waters surrounding us. We nurture our relationships with our indigenous neighbors, and the shared responsibilities to their homeland where we all reside today.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Prelude**

### **GATHERING**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

O Thou Great Beholding,  
**You who know what is hidden,**  
**who see and are not deceived:**

**your judgment is not harsh, but revealing;**  
**not condemning but discerning;**  
**you do not “pass judgment;” you simply see clearly.**

**Grant me clarity,**  
**to behold what I have denied,**  
**to see how I have deceived myself.**

**What I have misunderstood, reveal;**

**what is unconscious, unveil;  
bring my shadows into your light.**

**Give me wisdom to behold my belovedness,  
and how I have betrayed it,  
and how it remains.**

**Help me to see myself through your eyes,  
with honesty, mercy, and love,  
and to live in harmony with that grace.  
Amen.**

Family of God, you are seen as you are,  
beloved and made whole. Go out with joy,  
in the name of Christ, for you are forgiven and free.  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: ELW #522 “As We Gather at Your Table”**

**Greeting**

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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**Hymn of Praise: WOV (Blue hymnal) p. 29-30 “Glory to God”**

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**WORD**

**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.*

<sup>4</sup>[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.”<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>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**

*Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup>I will glory | in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's | name together.

**<sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, who | answered me  
and delivered me from | all my terrors. R**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me  
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord  
and de- | livers them.

**<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the | Lord is good;  
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! R**

## **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.*

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven

you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>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.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>35</sup>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.”

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>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’?” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>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.**

**Sermon:** Pastor Connie Monson

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #464 “*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*”

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We believe in a God with-us**

**who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.  
We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability  
and onto the streets.  
We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit**  
  
**for God's new community of hope.**

**Amen**

--Creed from the Iona Community, Scotland

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, (*and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer,*) root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries (*especially*). We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

**Other intercessions:** You know the need for healing, comfort, help or resolution for those we name before you today: Myrna & Richard Northrop, Kermit Delmain, Marty Burkel, Casey French, Kerissa Morrin, Ed DePerry, Lorayne Reedy, Lois Osterberg, Bill & Barb Peterson, Courtney Byerhof, Bill Bodner, Chuck & Marcia Perry, Sharon Johnson, Rhiannon Tourdot, Judy, Holly Tourdot, Colleen Nozal, Chick Anderson, Kelli Ann Clapero, Bennett Anderson, Konnie LeMay, Vicki Gordon, Michael Babineau, Jennifer Schlack, Karen Novachek, Ruthann Compton, Kris Anderson, Stacey Uhlman, Kit Bottem, the family of Anders Elmblad, Jeanna Morshead-Metelica, Deanne Mason, Sarah Norton, Tricia Roode, John Frederick, the family and friends of Beverly Buck, and the family and friends of Eric Paulson. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



(Share a sign of God's peace with one another.)

## **Offering**

### **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.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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!

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### **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.**

**Communion Hymn: ELW #472 “Eat This Bread”** (Sing three times)

### **Announcements:**

Sunday	AA at Immanuel 7:00
Monday	Immanuel Quilters 9:00
Tuesday	Brunch Bunch 10:00; VOTE
Wednesday	South Shore Quilters 9:00; Gather 9:30 at Bethesda; Midday Prayer Service 12:00 at Bethesda
Thursday	Immanuel Painters 10:00; Robert Schlack’s birthday;
Friday	ROMEO 8:00; Knit Wits 1:00; Kelly Faye’s birthday; Johanna Waite’s birthday
Saturday	Mike Herrick’s birthday; Lorayne Reedy’s birthday

## **Benediction**

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

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #452** *“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Reconciling in Christ Statement**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,  
there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:28

We welcome YOU to Bethesda and Immanuel to participate fully in our congregational life. You who may have experienced exclusion, injustice or racial inequity; You who are young, old, rich, poor; You of all abilities; You from all nations and ethnic backgrounds; You of all sexual orientations, gender identities or gender expression.

We are committed to racial equity, economic equity, gender equity, sexual equity. We are committed to learn, celebrate, advocate and welcome everyone through a series of forums and educational opportunities. May we grow in acceptance and become a voice for inclusion, equity and justice.

No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.