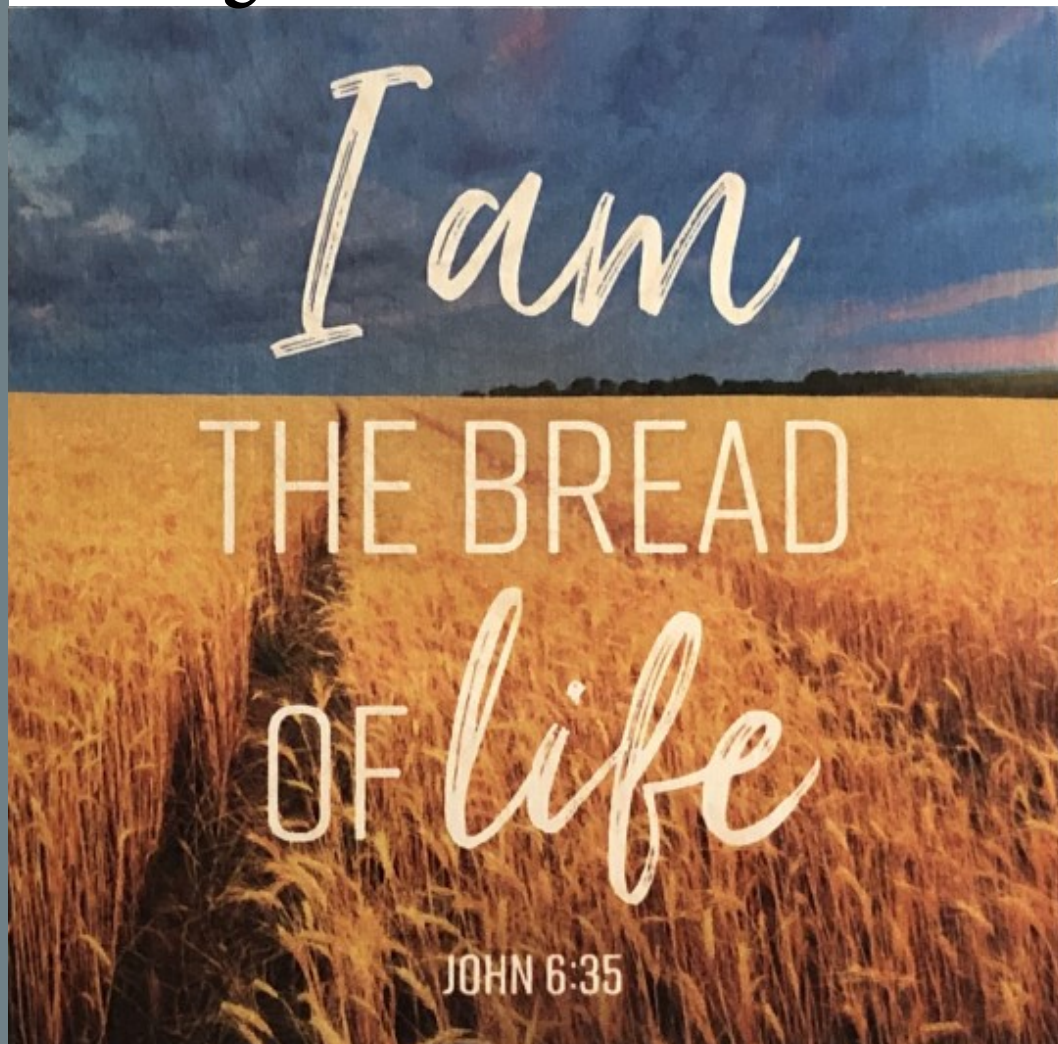


Sunday, August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



St. Mark Lutheran Church

One North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

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9:30am

PRELUDE

MEDITATION

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider,

C: 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 turn away from 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

"Oh Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

+GREETING

L: 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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Can Only Imagine"

Shawn Lund

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.

⁴Elijah 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." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He 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. ⁷The 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." ⁸He 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

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

L: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mollie Dvorak

+HYMN OF DAY

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

+APOSTLES CREED

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 power of 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, 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.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers: L: God in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **C: Amen.**

+PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The congregation may share a social distance sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING

An offering basket is in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering. At this time we will not be passing the plates but we continue to be grateful for your generosity.

+OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship. If you did not grab an individual cup of Communion, please let an usher know and they will get you one. We will take communion together in our seats and Pastor Mollie will instruct us.

All are welcome to receive the bread and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

L: 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.

C: Amen.

+BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Update

The covid team met this last week due to the new information regarding the Delta variant that came out. The following changes will begin today.

- Masks - We are asking those who worship with us in person, wear a mask while in the building and observe social distancing.
- Worship will be livestreamed and in-person at 9:30am with proper mask wearing, and social distancing measures implemented. We ask each family to sign in when they arrive at church so we can track if needed. Music will be offered in worship and will be provided by a few singers. Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.
- Fellowship Hour - We invite you to fellowship hour outside in our parking lot. Treats and coffee will be offered.

Our hearts were heavy when making these decisions, and we know taking this step backwards is tough. We ask that you remain hopeful with us as we keep the safety of all of us as the priority. A copy of the full letter can be found on our website. If you have any questions or concerns about this we ask that you email our covid team at covidteam@stmarkcp.org and someone from the team will address it.

VBS—God's Good Creation - Update

We've been keeping a close eye on the Delta variant and its increased contagion amongst unvaccinated populations, most notably, our children. With that, we have made the decision that VBS will look different this year. VBS will take place (still at Living Waters) next week only on Monday and Tuesday August 9 & 10, from 6:30-7:30pm. All activities will be outside in the backyard. Masking is recommended but not required at this time. Parents will need to participate with their children on site. Families will be provided with a box of supplies with everything they need (and then some!) for the evening activities. We'll livestream on Facebook for those who wish to watch or choose to stay home. Dinner will not be available as a safety measure in relation to covid. We know that this isn't exactly like we planned or had hoped for BUT it is the safest way for us to be together as God's family in the midst of challenging times- to be cautious and courageous, compassionate and connected as we navigate these shifting times. We're still so excited for the week and can't wait! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenny.

Tables

Are you in need of some 8 foot tables? We have some that we are looking to get rid of. They are the wood heavy ones and would be great for family gatherings. They are available for a free will donation and all funds received will go towards off setting the cost of purchasing new lightweight tables. If you have any questions, please let the office know.

Next Markings

The next Markings will come out in September and will have information about everything that is happening in church through December. If you have anything you'd like to add, please send it to Jenny no later than August 15th

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Prayers: Cindy Huseby

Lector: Greta Anderson

Ushers/Greeters: David and Ann Kelling

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Paula Foerster and family, as we celebrated Hazel Rick's life this weekend.

Sandy Geslin, as she heals from knee replacement surgery.

We also pray for: Verna, Sherry, Sue Frieburg, Wendy, Kelly, Sandy, Mashell, Shannon, Larry, Leslie, Dave, Jeanette, Sandie, and Mark.

Please contact the office with any updates to this prayer and concern list—thank you!

St. Mark Giving

July 26th through August 1st giving totaled: \$2,507

Needed to cover Plan for Ministry: \$5,490

Worship Attendance

July 25:123

July 18: 122

July 11: 222

July 4: 118

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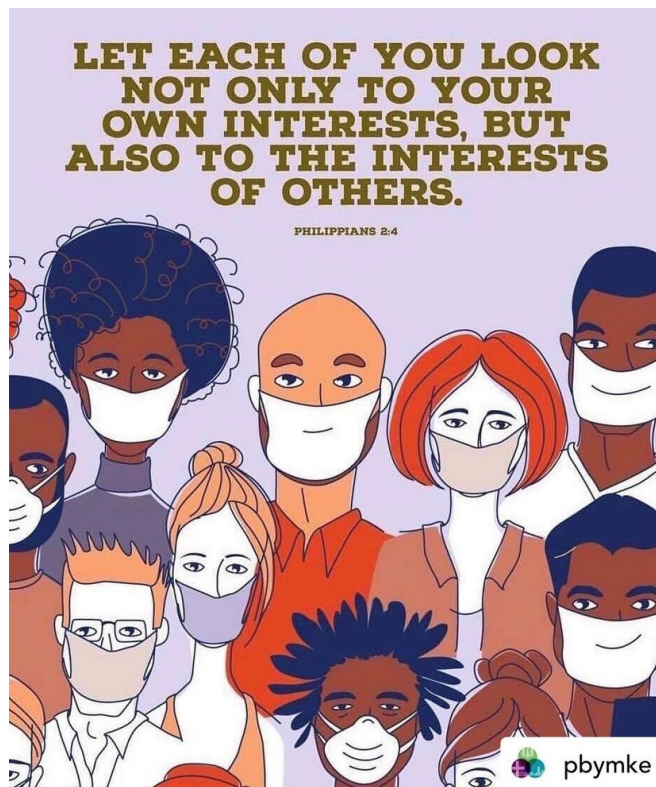
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This week at St. Mark

Monday 8/9	Office hours: 10-3pm VBS: 6:30-7:30 @ Living Waters
Tuesday 8/10	Office hours: 10-3pm Staff Meeting: 10:30am VBS: 6:30-7:30 @ Living Waters
Wednesday 8/11	Office hours: 10-3pm Concert in the Park at Living Waters: Teddy Bear Band! 6:30pm
Thursday 8/12	Stitchin' in the Dark: 6pm
Saturday 8/14	AA: 10:30am
Sunday 8/15	Worship at 9:30am Sundae Sunday!