



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

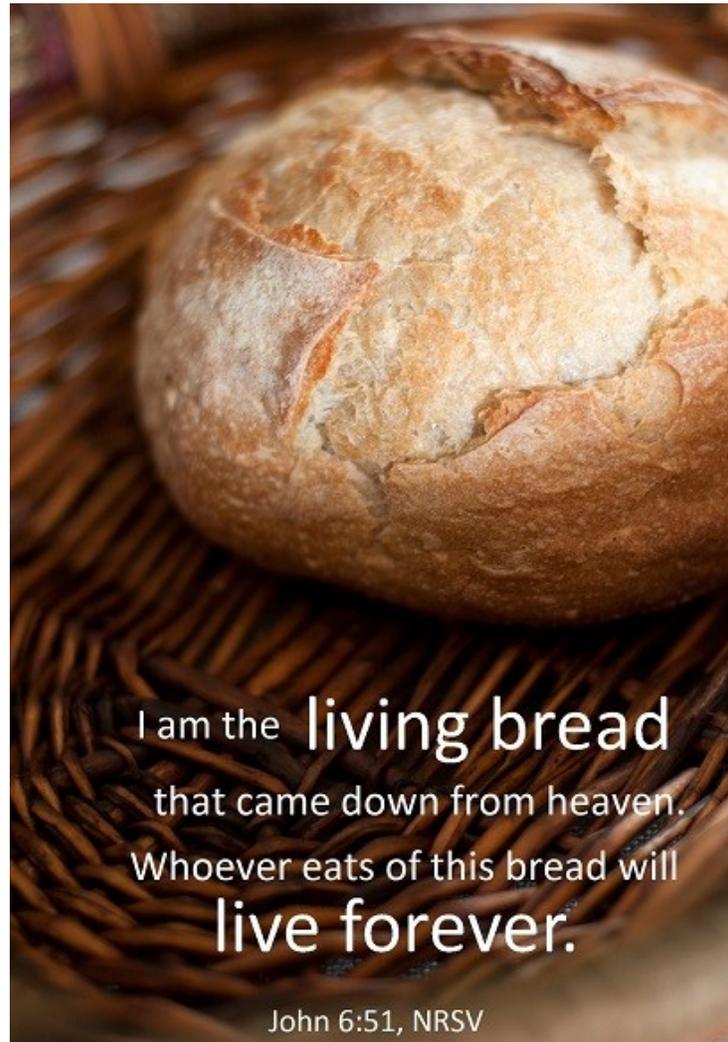
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## INTRODUCTION

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*



I am the **living bread**  
that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats of this bread will  
**live forever.**

John 6:51, NRSV



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*\*Please stand if able*

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation*

*(ELW—Red Book)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sandra Tallant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

\*SHARING THE PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

\*GATHERING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW #771

\*APOSTOLIC 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.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the feast of victory for our God ..."

ELW p. 122-123

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

LESSONS

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20

Ginger Carpenter

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Alleluia ..."

ELW p. 124

\*THE GOSPEL READING P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 6:51-58

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ELW #461

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 127

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Ginger Carpenter

MEAL

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Sandra Tallant

\*OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ginger Carpenter

A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. C: **Amen.**

\*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

ELW p. 65-66

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: 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.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

**AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

ELW p. 135

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

ELW #793

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Ginger Carpenter

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**"Earth and All Stars!"**

ELW #731

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Sandra Tallant

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in honor of our 55th wedding anniversary on August 24 by William & Carol Hollar.

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**LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Gary Haddock

**Preacher:** Vicar Frank Waugh

**Organist:** Sandra Tallant

**Assisting Minister:** Ginger Carpenter

**Communion Assistants:** Hal Sigmon, Nick Setzer

**Acolyte:** Quentin Caudill

**Altar Guild:** Elaine Simmons, Ginger Carpenter, Donna Evans

**Deacons:** Carol Schaefer, David Tucker

**Tabulators:** Dotty Isenhour, Chris Cloninger, Nick Setzer

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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### **PROVERBS 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

### **PSALM 34:9-14**

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

### **EPHESIANS 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **JOHN 6:51-58**

[Jesus said,] "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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."