

August 11, 2024
9:30 AM
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

+ GATHERING +
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Tantum Ergo (Therefore we, before Him bending) – Jack C. Good

WELCOME AND GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please pray with me.

Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world.
And then you tell us to feed them.

But we struggle with your command.

We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts: What is our compassion among so much pain? What is our small kindness in a system of injustice? What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society? How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?

We have simply forgotten: when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.

Even when we have tasted the bread you multiply; even when we gather your leftovers, we still find ourselves between your wondrous power and our sinful reality.

So we ask for your forgiveness.

When you call for our faith, forgive our unbelief.

As you prepare our heavenly dwelling, forgive our earthly worries.

When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies, forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare.

When your gospel challenges us, forgive our irritable complaints.

You are patient with us even when we prove fussy and doubtful, reluctant and argumentative.

How often do we act this way just because we are hungry?

People of God, Jesus knows we are hungry for forgiveness.

So Jesus has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul.

You are forgiven. God leavens you with eternal goodness.

Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share.

And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the flavor of transformation.

God, give us this bread always. Thanks be to God!

HYMN ELW 462 Now We Join in Celebration

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of daily bread and living bread, we are hungry! We're hungry to feast on what we've only tasted: Perfect justice. Perfect mercy. Eternal and abundant life. Satisfy our hunger, Bread of Life, and sharpen our appetite for the things which you desire. Fill this world with your life.

Amen.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: I Kings 19:4-8

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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GOSPEL: John 6:35:41-51

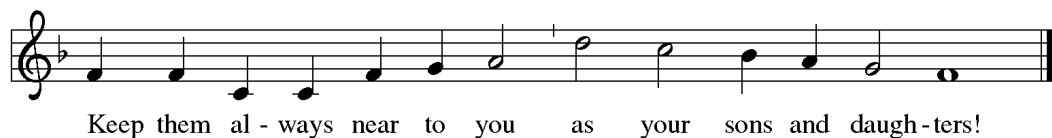
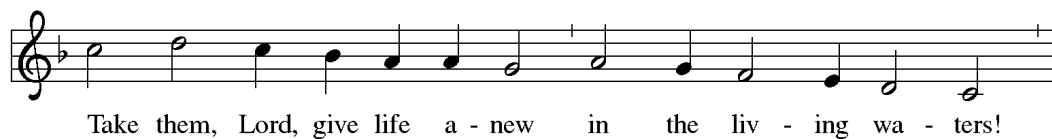
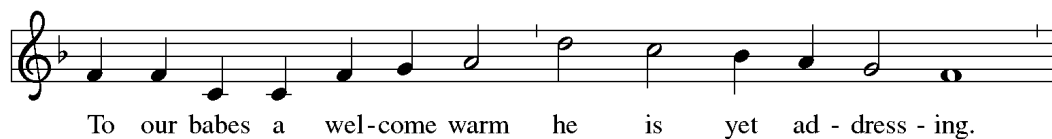
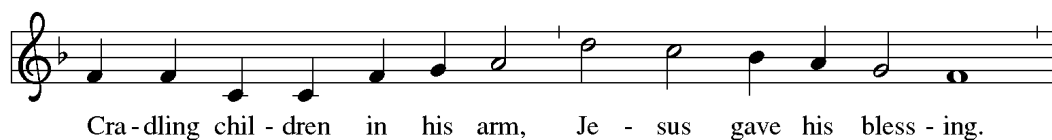
At the beginning of the reading:
The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM pg. 227

BAPTISMAL HYMN ELW 444 Cradling Children in His Arms



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Come to the Table of the Lord – Jay Althouse
Michael Wolf, tenor

OFFERTORY ELW 467 We Place upon Your Table, Lord

We place upon your table, Lord,
where you by grace have bid us dine,
these tokens of our daily work,
the food of life, the bread and wine.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you;
we take them humbly from your hand;
put these your gifts to higher use:
the holy meal that you command.

OFFERTORY 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.**

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray.

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION ELW 607 Come, Ye Disconsolate

TABLE BLESSING

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.**

+ SENDING +
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Ite, Missa est – Eric DeLamarter

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard & Martha Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Jill Iris, Ed Schanely, Randy and Jarod Guess, Karen Moore, Elaine Keller, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuniger, Courtney Herm, Patricia and Everett VonFrank, Pete Woodward, Matt, Emily and Andrew Kuberski and Janice Wambold.

Mark Your Calendar

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| Tuesday, August 13 | 7:30pm Worship & Music Committee |
| Thursday, August 15 | 5-6pm Hoagie Pick up |
| Sunday, August 18 | 9:30am Worship *Newsletter deadline |

Pick up your August Hoagie this Thursday, Aug. 15th from 5-6pm.

The Program Newsletter is in production. Please submit any article that you would like included to the church office (stj.stown@verizon.net) by Sunday, August 18th.

The Book Club is reading *Have you seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Join us as we discuss this intriguing story on August 20th at 6:30pm at St. John's.

Bread of Life Worship Series continues through August 25th. Centering on Jesus' teaching about the bread of life in John 6, we explore Jesus' teaching in this chapter of John's gospel, we will celebrate communion each Sunday of the series. To highlight the variety of bread available to us, each week will highlight a different type of bread, different types of receiving communion and possibly even different varieties of wine. The Worship and Music Committee hope you will enjoy this deep dive into John 6 and the bread of life.

Blessing of the New School Year– Sunday, August 25 at 9:30AM

As we prepare for a new school year to start, we will take time during worship to bless not only our students, but also all those who work within the school system—teachers, aides, administrators, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, etc.

Confirmation Youth entering 7th grade are eligible to begin the confirmation experience here at St. John's. This year, classes will meet on Monday evenings twice a month with additional retreats, service projects and worship experiences. To register your student, please contact Pastor Becky by August 31.

Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday, September 8th

Join us for worship at 9:30am. Following worship, children will be escorted downstairs to see their Sunday school classrooms, meet their teachers and participate in a short activity. Parents can travel with them to fill out registration paperwork for the year.

Everyone else is invited to enjoy fellowship in the hall as we kick-off a new program year at St. John's.

Open Link is accepting donations for their Back To School Drive.

Supplies needed include; new backpacks, 3-ring binders (1-2"), pocket folders, colored markers (washable), pencil pouches, colored pencils, crayons, block and pencil to erasers, scissors, spiral notebooks (wide ruled), #2 pencils, pens (blue or black), hand sanitizer, glue sticks, composition books, dry erase markers, highlighters, loose leaf paper or Gift cards (Walmart, Target or Amazon).

All are invited to the installation of The Rev. Bryan Penman as the 6th Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (SEPA) on Saturday, September 14th at 2pm at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral in Philadelphia. ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at this service and Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps will be preaching. See the weekly email or our website for a link to participate in the choir or for more information.

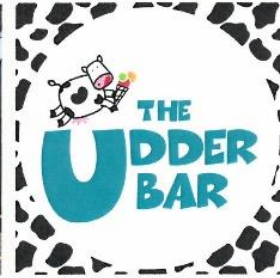
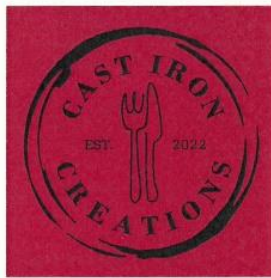
Movie Under the Stars presents THE GOONIES.

Friday, August 23rd at Green Lane Park Amphitheater. The seating opens at 7pm, movie starts at 8pm.

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IT'S FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY!

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