



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*  
**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 2024**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “Come, Thou Almighty King” **905**

**Confession and Absolution** **203**

**Introit** **Ps. 78:23-25; antiphon: Ps. 78:72**

**P** With upright heart he shepherded them

**C** and guided them with his skillful hand.

**P** Yet he commanded the skies above

**C** and opened the doors of heaven,

**P** and he rained down on them manna to eat

**C** and gave them the grain of heaven.

**P** Man ate of the bread of the angels;

**C** he sent them food in abundance.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** With upright heart he shepherded them

**C** and guided them with his skillful hand.

**Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis** **204**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Exodus 16:2–15 ESV**

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’ ” <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C** How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**P** For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**C** To him be glory forever. Amen.

## Epistle

## Ephesians 4:1–16 ESV

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** **206**

**Hymn** “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” **648**

**Sermon** “Unity in Christ Is Our Strength” **Ephesians 4:1–16**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Irene Montgomery, Gene Geesman, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Mary Grantz, Gen Rehnelt, Don Kuehl, Ron Thurmer, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Craig Hakes, Ruth Polz, Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Ron Sinn, Brent Baumann*

*(Steve Milbrath's brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath's cousin), Carol Kolander, Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation's armed forces.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Lord, we come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know, in You, that which is eternal. Give us confidence in the suffering and death of Christ, that we may rejoice that You are with us always and await His joyous appearing with all the saints; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Service of the Sacrament** **208-212**

**Distribution Hymns** **907, 636**

**Closing Hymn** “God's Word Is Our Great Heritage” **582**

**Postlude**



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