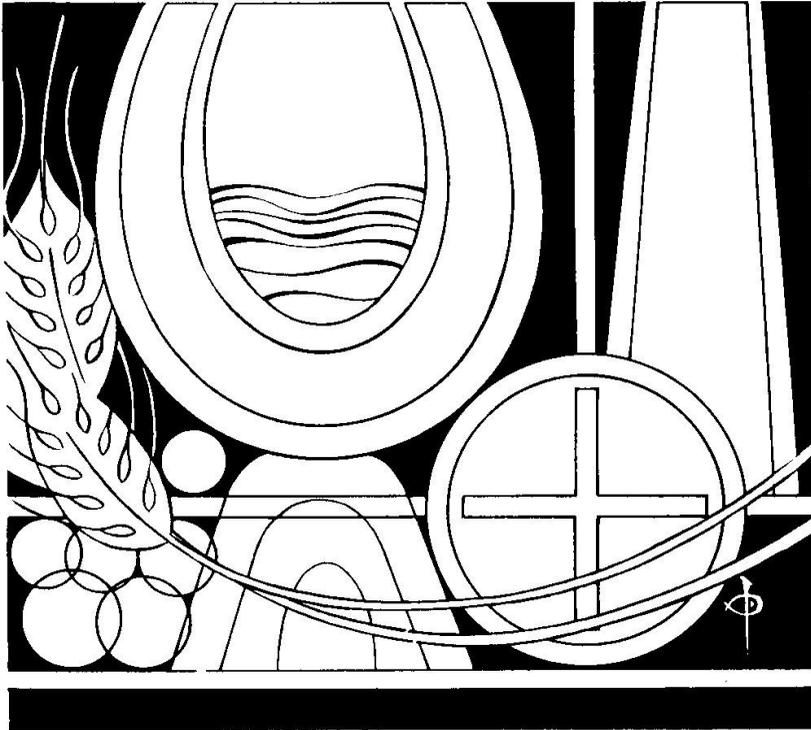
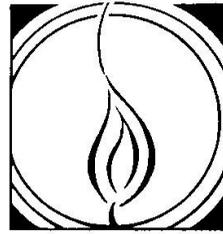


**"I MYSELF AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.
NO ONE WHO COMES TO ME SHALL
EVER BE HUNGRY, NO ONE WHO
BELIEVES IN ME SHALL EVER
THIRST."**

JOHN 6:35



"Eat A Meal That Truly Satisfies!"

***Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church
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August 5th, 2018

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NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Last Sunday we heard of God's generosity to us and through us. This Sunday we are reminded that his generosity in material things should serve as a constant reminder of his even greater generosity in spiritual things. It is a truism that St. Augustine so beautifully taught: There is nothing visible or transitory that does not point us back to something more important that is invisible and imperishable. The readings encourage the response of an attitude adjustment in us that includes a reordering of our priorities.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS THIS MORNING! We are honored by your presence and invite you to return to worship with us again. If you do not have a church home, consider making ours – yours! If you would like more information about Open Bible Lutheran Church, please feel free to speak to Pastor Schulz or to one of the Greeters. You may reach Pastor Schulz at 352-753-9038. Or go to our web site: www.openbiblelutheranchurch.com. Please join us for Fellowship following the Sunday service.

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Restrooms can be found on the right side of the Welcome Center and the left side of the new fellowship hall.

Personal Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Ask an usher.

Also "The Hearing Loop System" is installed. Please turn you hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (Telephone.)

Please turn off all cell phones Personal and other electronic devices. Thank you.



Applause: Please refrain from any applause during the service.

Photos: Please refrain from taking any pictures during the service.

✚ For respect of those who use the sanctuary for meditation before the service, please refrain from any unnecessary noise once the pre-service music has begun. ✚

Lord's Supper Practice: *In I Corinthians 10:16, it tells us that we who are one body, are one loaf in communion. What that means is that we share a unity in what we believe from God's Word when we take communion. If you are a guest, we would like to have an opportunity to speak with you first to see if what you believe from the Scriptures is the same as what we believe. If it is the same, then we welcome you to join us for the Lord's Supper. Also, we are demonstrating love by asking you to refrain from the Lord's Supper until we have a chance to talk with you. In I Corinthians 11:27, we are told that the Lord's Judgment comes upon those who eat or drink in an unworthy manner. We want to protect you from that possibly happening to you. So, give our pastor a call, and he will come by to discuss our practice of close communion.*

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

OPENING HYMN: #590 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

+ We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship +

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

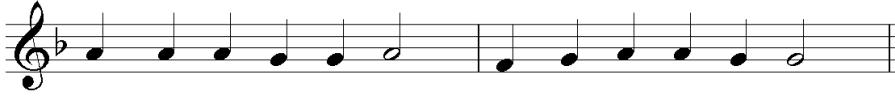
C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

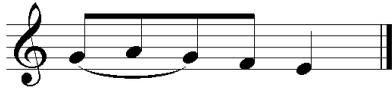


C: Lord, have mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mer - cy on us Lord, have mer - cy on us

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

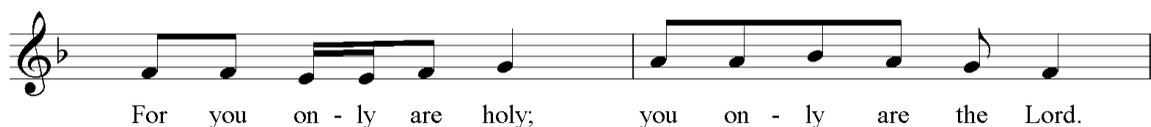
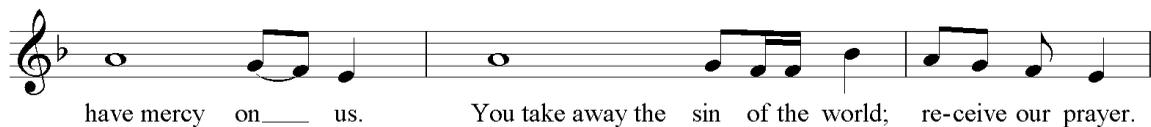
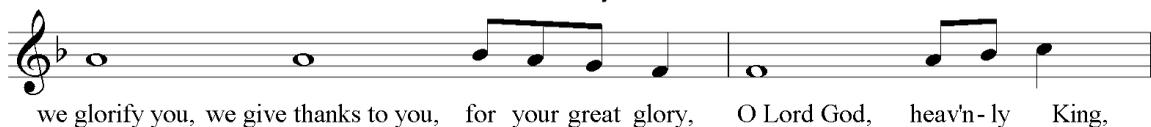


C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you

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P: Let us pray:

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

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People would still like it today if God gave everything temporal like manna from heaven. They would eat their fill and be not one bit fuller for it; they would still starve for their failure to see the true bread from heaven.

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should

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grumble against us?” Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.” Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning, you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. **NIV**”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY- Psalm 145: The Psalmist reminds us how the Lord provides richly for all our physical and spiritual needs. Our Lord is worthy of our praise and we will want to tell his mighty acts to others.

Psalm 145

Refrain



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Psalm Tone



1. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom
2. One generation will commend your works to another; They will tell of your mighty acts.
3. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

4. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
5. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
6. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
as it was in the beginning,
and to the Holy Spirit,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:17-24

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Do you see the wonderful difference between life in Christ and life outside of Christ? Outside of Christ the gifts of food and raiment, of time and energy are all squandered and lost as a foretaste of ultimate death and destruction. But with Christ and in Christ there is new life sustained outwardly and inwardly by Christ.

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **NIV**

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VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.



THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:24-35

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(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

Jesus' miracle was a sign, something that pointed to something higher and more important, namely to the truth that he is the Son of God and the Savior. As such he has power to satisfy the needs of the body; but he always does it to remind us that the greater satisfaction is the food for the soul that gives eternal refreshment.



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Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. **NIV**



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy

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Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #402 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

SERMON:

Sermon Text: Exodus 16:2-15

Are You Ready For Some Real Food?



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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men

THANK OFFERING *The members of Open Bible congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering that supports our church's ministry, but you are welcome to do so. Guests may fill out a registration form found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

Offertory: "There is a Redeemer" by Melody Green
Karen Pearson, solo & guitar

*1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

Refrain

*Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*

Refrain

*3 When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.*

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Loving Father, You provided for Your ancient people manna to sustain them in the wilderness, and in Your Son You have given us the living bread of heaven. Give Your baptized children the grace of seeking the food that endures to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Your Son gives us the Office of the Ministry so that Your people might be equipped to serve and built up into His one body. Remember in Your compassion all who speak Your Word. Give them faithfulness and honesty in their teaching so that Your children would be freed from all deceit and speak Your truth to one another in love, growing up in every way into Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, Your Son bids us pray that You send workers into Your harvest fields. Stir up the hearts of young men and women to consider lives of service in full-time church work. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty One, You establish civil government to be a blessing. To Your mercy, then, we commend our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way. Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus, You hear the grumblings and laments of Your people when they cry out in their distress. We lift up to You today our sisters and brothers who are sick, injured, taking treatments, homebound or grieving [*especially Your servants* _____]. Show mercy to each bruised heart and make their faith in You strong as they await the healing or provision that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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Almighty God, in the Lord's Supper Your Son feeds us with food that never perishes, His very body and blood, that we would believe His forgiveness, taste His mercy and join Him in giving You thanks and praise. Stir up in us always a genuine hunger to taste and see at this table how good You are. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living One, we give thanks to You for all those who have believed and partaken of the living bread from heaven and so share in the unending life of Your Son. Bring all of us to share with them the joys of Your heavenly banquet table on the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



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THE SACRAMENT

Gluten free wafers are served to the first table on the right. Those desiring a gluten free wafer please come forward to the right side of the Communion rail during the singing of **O Christ, Lamb of God.**

Guests and visitors please read the note about our Communion Practice on page 2.

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And — al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that whenever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace_



A - - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION: CW # 312 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

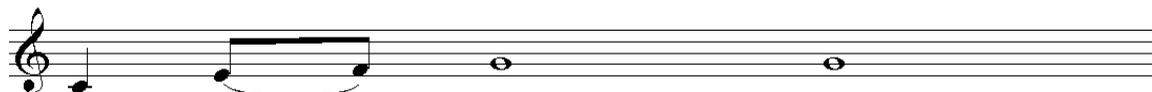
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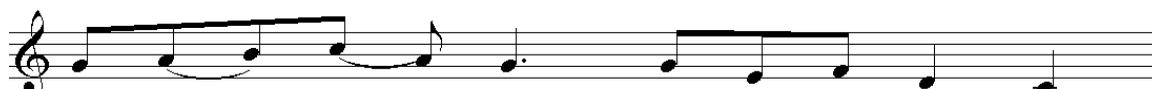
SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have



pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peop - le Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW# 389 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Prayer Partners Program - Our Prayer Partner for today is Duane Anderson. Prayer requestors should join Duane at the front of the church by the communion rail immediately following the worship service this morning.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: For healing we pray for: Judy Hainen, Ed Richesson, Jim Duncan, Feg Henkel, ***For chronic pain we pray for:*** Ken Wells, BJ Collins, Mike Villemure, Jennifer Schlegel, Marilyn Pearson, Renda Mackey, Doreen Schaefer, Linda Niermeyer, **our nation and leaders; those who protect us at home and abroad; those without work and income; marriages and families; the unborn.**

If you know of someone in the hospital, please contact the church office at 352-753-9038, to let us know. Thank-you.

Chancel Flowers Today: are given to the glory and praise of our Almighty God by Richard and Mary Lou Mason in memory of Richard’s mother, Wilma.

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Church Office Hours: (Karen's Hours) Mon: 9:30-1:30, Tuesday-OFF, Wed: 9-4, Thursday-10-3, Fri. 10-1

Journey with Jesus – Women's Bible Study: Please let Judy Hainen know if you are interested in joining this Bible Study on Monday mornings, 9:15-10:30am. First meeting is September 10, 2018 at Judy's home. Books are ordered in August.

Happy Birthday: Jim Musiel – 5, Carol Yahn – 9, Doreen Schaefer – 10, Peggi Carrier – 11, Gail Rathgeber – 11

SERVING WITH GRATITUDE

Organist August 5th : Mary Burel

Organist next week August 12th : Hymnsoft, Jeanne Schulz

Sunshine & Rehab Committee: Aug 1st – 15th : Jean Butts **Ocala:** Vanita McCurnin

Greeters August 5th : Pat Kramer, Chris Moellring, Greg Wendorf

Greeters August 12th : Sandy Newman, Doug Tharp

Ushers Today August 5th : Bill Sigurdson, Dennis Duessler

Ushers August 12th : Bill Sigurdson, Roger Otto

Communion Assistant August 5th & 19th : Bob Hinz

Coffee Hostesses for August 5th & 12th : Jeanne Schulz, Pat Kramer, Chris Moellring, Vanita McCurnin (5th only)

Altar Guild for August: Carol Stauske

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Second Lesson – Ephesians 4:17-24

Upon what does Paul insist in these verses?

Paul insists that Christians not live like the “Gentiles” (i.e. the unbelieving world). These people have hardened their hearts to the truth of God’s Word and want nothing to do with the Bread of Life.

How are we kept from indulging “in every of impurity, with a continual lust for more”?

Through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word, we are led to put off our old self (the sinful flesh) and put on our new self (the Spirit-led Christian life). But the Spirit only works through the Word of Jesus, the Bread of Life

Gospel – John 6:24-35

What kind of bread were the people interested in having from Jesus? What kind of bread did Jesus offer? How did the people misunderstand?

The people were interested in having physical bread. Jesus offered “food that endures to eternal life.” The people still thought that Jesus was offering physical bread that would last forever.

What did Jesus mean when he said: “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Jesus is talking about faith in him as the Savior from sin. While Jesus also promises to provide for our daily, earthly needs, here he is focusing on the eternal needs of our souls. Through faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life, we can be assured that we will never go spiritually hungry or thirsty.

Choir: If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please speak to Judy Hainen (director.) The choir is in need of bass singers.

Defenders: The next meeting will be Thursday August 30th. Meet at Wolfy’s Restaurant at 11:30am for lunch and the off to R & D Tactical for target practice. If you have any questions, please speak to Bill Sigurdson.

New Life in Christ: Led by: Pastor Mark Schulz. Group meets at church on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. This is a class for people interested in becoming a member and a good refresher course for members. It is a wonderful review of the basic teachings of Scripture.

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We believe...

In an age of anxiety, we believe that real peace comes from Jesus Christ.

In an age of confusion, we believe that the Bible is the word of God, without error.

In an age of doubt, we believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt, we believe that Jesus died on the cross to remove the power of sin from our lives.

In an age of skepticism, we believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of despair, we believe God's promises to heal and transform us.

In an age of violence, we believe that God calls us to embody his love in the world.

In an age of constant change, we believe in the unchanging Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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