11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021
Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Joel Biermann or Vicar Drew Oswald would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper  We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:
Strength and healing  Alison (friend of Charlotte), Ava, Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Carolyn (mother of Molly), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, Darrel, David, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Gloria, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (Paul’s mom), Janie, Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, June, Kathy, Kenny, Kim, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie, Michael, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Natalie (friend of Joe & Nicole), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Valerie (wife of Jack); Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military, especially Tom and Aaron; For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; All missionaries, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); For the community in which we live, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.

Serving Us Today

Celebrant:  Rev. Joel Biermann, PhD
Assistant:  Vicar Drew Oswald, Seminarian Adam Tanney
Organist:  Cantor Phillip Magness
Coffee Hour:  Marilyn Daughhetee and Mary Jones
NEXT WEEK:  Dave & Heidi Bushur
Altar Guild:  Betty Kusterer

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.
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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn
“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Stand

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 34:8–10,36:8; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

A You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

A Oh, taste and see that the \text{LORD} is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

C Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him | have no lack!

A The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*
but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

C They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And with thy spirit.
P  Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1–8

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.  
2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.”  
3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.  
4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O L ORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”  
5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.”  
6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.  
7 And the angel of the L ORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.”  
8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

A  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.
I will bless the Lord at all times,
    his praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
    for he has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.
    Together let us all praise his name.
I called the Lord and he answered me;
    from all my troubles he set me free.

Those who look to him are radiant;
    their faces shall never be ashamed.
Taste and see that God is good;
    in him we need put all our trust.
17 This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

John 6:51a,b

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
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. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

41So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will 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 he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your fathers 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. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed (inside back of hymnal)

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.
Sit

Sermon Hymn
“Awake, O Sleeper”

Sermon - The Unnatural Life

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Stand

Offertory
As the offertory is sung, offerings are presented at the altar.
Offerings may be dropped in the plate at the entrance to the nave before or after service.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament
Preface, Sanctus, The Lord’s Prayer,
The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Sit

Communion Hymn
“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

Communion Hymn
“O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing”

Communion Hymn
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benedicamus

Benediction

Closing Hymn
“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”
Acknowledgments

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Seasonal Insight: Green is upon the altar in confession of the growth that the Spirit works in the Church through the Word.

Voters’ Meeting: There will be a short Voters’ Meeting today after late service to confirm the Call Committee.

Parking Lot Being Resealed: The church parking lot will be closed on August 9 to allow for crack repairs and resealing. If you come to church, please use the Youth House parking lot.

Katie Luther League does not meet in August. We will kick off our new LWML year at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 11. All women of Village are encouraged to attend. Ladies, join us!

Christ For You this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Finish the book of Jeremiah and begin Lamentations on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin the book of Hebrews on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on our KFUO Radio app!

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go. He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.
Sunday, August 8:
  8:15 AM  Divine Service
  9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
  10:45 AM Divine Service
  12:00 PM  Voters’ Meeting

Tuesday, August 10:
  7:00 PM  Quarterlife

Thursday, August 12:
  9:30 AM  Women’s Bible Study

Friday, August 13:
  6:30 AM  Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, August 14:
  9:30 AM  Katie Luther League

Sunday, August 15:
  8:15 AM  Divine Service
  9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
  10:45 AM Divine Service

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