

**Advent Midweek Service 1**  
**The Word Made Flesh**  
**December 4, 2024 5:30 PM**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Faribault, MN 55021



**Week 1: Bread of Life**  
**Order of Service**

P. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. John 6:35

**Opening ... “The Advent of Our King” LSB 331, sts. 1,2,3,6**

1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set his servants free.

3 O Zion’s daughter rise To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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**Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

C. **Amen.**

*(One blue candle is lit on the Advent wreath.)*

P. The name of the city of David, the little town of Bethlehem, means “House of Bread.” It was the birthplace for Jesus our Savior, who called himself the Bread of Life. We light the first candle on our Advent wreath remembering that Jesus, the living Bread from heaven, came to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

C. **Jesus, Bread of heaven, feed us now and forever.**

**Confession and Absolution**

- P. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord asks us, “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” (Isaiah 55:2). We turn away from God’s will to things that can never satisfy us. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
- C. Almighty God, we have turned away from your Word and your will for our lives. We try to satisfy our needs by following the temptations of the devil, the world around us and our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- P. God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son into the world to be our Savior and, for his sake, forgives our sins. God tells us, “Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2-3). I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C. Jesus, Bread of heaven, feed us now and forever!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn ... “Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332, st. 1**

1 Savior of the nations, come, Virgin’s Son, make here your home!  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn ... “Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332, st. 2**

2 Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

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**Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 16:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <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.” *(continued...)*

<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

### Epistle Reading ... Colossians 3:15-17

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed,

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. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less.

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**C. Thanks be to God.**

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**Gospel Reading ... John 6:27-35**

<sup>27</sup>Do not labor 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 Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn ... “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” LSB 352, sts. 1,2,4,6**

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept his word  
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

4 As your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is yours eternally.

6 Then when you will come again As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see your face, Freely ransomed by your grace.

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**Sermon “BREAD OF LIFE” The Rev. Peter Gueldner****Apostles’ Creed**

**C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*(continued...)*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Offering

## Prayers

*Each petition concludes with the following response:*

P. Jesus, Bread of Life,

**C. Feed us now and forever.**

## Lord's Prayer

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**C. 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**

## Benediction *(John 6:33-34; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

P. Jesus said, "The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**C. Give us this bread always."**

P. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.

**C. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn ... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918, st. 1

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy pow'ful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

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\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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## *Christmas Worship Schedule*

### **Wednesday, December 11**

5:30 PM - Advent Service  
Sermon: "Salt of the Earth"  
followed by Advent Supper

### **Saturday, December 14**

5:30 PM - Sunday School Christmas Service  
"His Name Shall Be Called"

### **Wednesday, December 18**

8:30 AM - FLS Christmas Service Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, December 18**

5:30 PM - Advent Service  
Sermon: "Rock of Ages"  
followed by Advent Supper

### **Thursday, December 19**

6:00 PM - FLS Christmas Service

### **Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service  
10:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25**

9:00 AM - Christmas Day service with Holy Communion

### **Saturday & Sunday, December 28 & 29**

Regular Services Times  
Services of Lessons & Carols

### **NO NEW YEAR'S EVE OR DAY SERVICES**

*Midweek Advent, Christmas Eve Family & Christmas Day services will be broadcast on  
KDHL (920 am) and live streamed.*