

Old Testament

Genesis 4:3-15 NIV In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." 8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." 15 But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

Epistle

I Corinthians 15:1-10 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the Word I

preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the Third Day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. 9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Historic Gospel

Luke 18:9-14 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to Heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)
John 6:41-51 (printed inside →)

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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August 12th, 2018 * Trinity-11 * Humility & Prayer

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless your week.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.5.

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	28 (5v)	Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise to God
<i>Psalm 145</i>	<i>Ps.145 '4v'</i>	<i>I Will Praise Your Name, My King & God</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	383 (3v)	Seek Where Ye May To Find a Way
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>644 (1v)</i>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
Third Hymn	427 (6v)	How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the
Closing Hymn	457 (3v)	What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 11th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1Kings6:29-17	1Kings 18:1-46	1 Kings 19:1-21	1 Ki.21:1-29	1Ki.22:51-2Ki.1:17	2 Kings 2:1-25
Eph. 6:18-24	Phil. 1:12-2:4	Phil. 2:19-30	Philipp. 3:1-11	Philipp. 4:1-3	Philippians 4:8-23

PROPERs for THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✨ AUGUST 12TH

INTROIT God is in His holy habitation; He sets the solitary in families. The God of Israel gives strength and power to His people. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him. **Ps.68:5&6**

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. **C: ♪ A - - men.**

GRADUAL C: My heart trusts in God, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and I will praise Him with my song. Alleluia! Alleluia! I will cry to You, O LORD, my Rock, do not be silent to me; hear the voice of my pleadings. Alleluia! ...from Ps.90

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Genesis 4:3-15** Cain and Abel's sacrifices; Cain murders Abel.
Epi. **I Corinthians 15:1-10** (St.Paul) "But for the grace of God *I go!*"
Gos. **Luke 18:9-14** (Jesus) "By the grace of God you *can pray!*"

Next Sunday 8/19 **Trinity-12 (p.15 L.S.) Hymns: 34 Ps.145 26 230 314 39**

Psalm 145 C: ♪ I Will Praise Your Name; My King- and My God. (Twice)

Verse 1. ♪ I will give you glo-ry my God and King, and I will bless_ Your Name for-e-ver_ Ev'ry day I will bless and praise Your name fore-ver_

Refrain C: ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 2. ♪ The Lord is full of grace and mer-cy, He is kind_ and slow to anger. He is good in all His works and full- of compassion_ **Refrain C:** ♪ I will...

Verse 3. ♪ Let all our works give You thanks O LORD, and let- all the faithful bless You. Let them speak of Your might O LORD, the glory of Your Kingdom.

Refrain C: ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 4. ♪ The LORD is faith-ful in all His Words, and always near,_ His Name is Holy_ He lifts up all those who fall, He raises up the lowly_

(Final) **Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (Twice)

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text) John 6:41-51 At this the Jews began to grumble about Him because He said, "I am the Bread that came down from Heaven." 42 They said, "Is this not Jesus, the Son of Joseph, Whose father and mother we know? How can He now say, 'I came down from Heaven?'" 43 "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. 44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to Me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the One Who is from God; only He has seen the Father. 47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. 48 I am the Bread of life. 49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But Here is the Bread that comes down from Heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 51 I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. This Bread is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters	Pat & Dave Wiesenaue	Mary Lou Knigge

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	21 / (20)	20 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	7
Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date	\$.,	YTD Total \$.,

Calendar of Events		
Today, August 12 th	8:30 am	Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: <i>Zion</i>
<i>Trinity. 11 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>Humility(Phar&Pub)</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>
Next Sunday, 8/19	8:30 am	Bible Study NT Themes & Keys: <i>Apostles</i>
<i>Trinity. 12 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Jesus Heals (Spirit'ly)</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>

Elders: **Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.**

August 12th ▲ ELS 100 Years*Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



Mission work always has received much attention in our Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Already at the 1918 convention, a Home Mission Board was established. Much of the early mission work in those days was found in supporting small groups who had been displaced or left without church buildings as a result of the merger of 1917. In 1918, the synod called two pastors as missionaries-at-large in the upper Midwest.

TRINITY.11(P.12B) John 6:35-51 "EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY(?)" 08.12.18 OSL

THEME: "You ARE what you EAT," Eat I. Living Bread, not II. Junk Food.

U R WHAT U EAT

"You ARE what you eat," we say. I'm not sure what that means exactly. I think it's supposed to mean that it's good to eat good food, a version of "garbage in, garbage out." But it's not literally true. When I eat broccoli, I don't become broccoli. When I eat a steak, I don't become a cow. In fact, it's quite the opposite. What you eat becomes what you are. All the proteins, vitamins, minerals, sugars, fats of your food become part of you.

APPETITES

OK, now that I've stirred your appetites a bit for food, let's talk about another kind of food. Not the food that becomes what you are, but the food that *transforms you*, the food **that gives Eternal life**. Of course, I'm speaking of Jesus, Who calls Himself "the Bread of Life" and "living Bread come down from Heaven."

EAT TO DIE

Spiritual food for eternal life. All your other food, you eat "to your death." <-Think about it) That's the outcome of Adam's eating the food that was forbidden. And each of us is part of that death. Even that miracle manna bread couldn't save the Israelites from death in the wilderness. But Jesus, the Bread of Life, is an entirely different food on our diet. He is the Bread that conquers death; He is the Bread that overcomes our affliction; He is the Bread that brings life out of His own death. He builds life forever one way: **by His death and Resurrection.**

STUFF of LIFE

(But) Jesus is the **Bread of Life**. He is **not** the chocolate of life or the caviar of life or the cotton candy of life. He is not some little delicacy you nibble at once a month or so. He is Bread. Daily bread. The stuff of life.

EATING DISORDER/S

When your eating is out of whack, we call it an eating disorder. There are **spiritual eating disorders** too. I'm afraid there are many Christians who suffer a spiritual eating disorder. Imagine trying to live on one meal a week, or one meal a month. It wouldn't take long for the weakness to set in. You'd die. Yet some try to live on a **starvation diet of the Word and the Sacrament**. We make excuses about there being "no time" for church, no time for Bible study, no time for daily prayer and devotions. Yet there's always plenty of time to stuff ourselves with the world's idea of (junk) food.

FAKE v. REAL

Have you heard that kids today prefer artificially flavored ice cream to natural(?) Fake strawberry tastes much better to the modern set of buds than does real strawberry. Artificial flavors pack more punch and tickle the tongue more than their real counterparts. The **same is true for our spiritual tastes**. Sugary, sweet sentimentality is so much more enticing than sturdy, crusty bread. The

artificial flavors of religion with all its emotion and fantasy and self-improvement tickle our spiritual taste buds so much more than that humble, **homely Bread of Life** that comes down from heaven to nourish us in His death.

SIMPLE FOOD

Bread doesn't seem like much of a meal, does it? **Sizzler Buffet** is more to our palate. We'd prefer it if Jesus had said, "I am the **Sizzler Buffet of Life**" - I am **whatever you want**, as much (or as **little**) as you want, whenever you want it. (Again) Bread doesn't seem like much of a meal, does it? **Word and Sacrament** don't seem like much of a **religion** either. Remember the prophet **Elijah**, who traveled 40 days in the wilderness on bread and water. Ordinary bread becomes extraordinary food in the hand of God, joined to His Word that says to you "**Take, eat, drink.**"

EXCLUSIVE/S

When the Bread **is the Son of God in the Flesh**, you have Food you can find nowhere else. Notice all the "**exclusives**" in today's Gospel. "*For my Father's Will is that **everyone** who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life.*" "**Everyone** who hears the Father and learns from Him comes to me." "**No one** has seen the Father **except** the One who is from God; **only** He has seen the Father." **No one** but the Son of God can speak this way. And no one but the Son of God can make this promise: "**He who believes in Me has eternal life.**"

EAT = BELIEVE

To eat is to believe. To trust in Jesus is to live off of His life and death. To say, "Not my works, Lord, but your work. Not my sacrifices, but your sacrifice. Not my crosses, but your cross. Not my blood, sweat, and tears but your blood, sweat and tears are what save me from my sins, from my death, from hell itself. I cannot save myself. I can only dig myself deeper into my own grave. But you, dear Son of God, sent by the Father, you have become a human being, a man born of a human mother, to save my own wretched flesh from the grave. And baptized into You, clinging to your promise, I have eternal life now, and I have this promise that keeps me: "**I will raise you up on the Last Day.**"

RESURRECTION

That's what Jesus, the Bread of Life, does that no other bread in the world can do. No other religious figure can make that promise. Only Jesus died and rose. And only Jesus can make this promise to His believers, three times in this morning's Gospel: "**I will raise him up on the last day.**" That's our Christian hope. Not that we have an easy and happy life; not that we are bailed out of every difficult situation that befalls us; not that we are successful at everything we do; not that we are spared every sickness or even death itself. But that Jesus, the crucified and risen One, will raise our bodies on the last day. Jesus is

the Bread of Immortality - eat of Him, trust in Him, and you not only live forever, He will raise you from the grave on The Last Day.

HARD STOMACHS/HEARTS Those who heard Jesus **grumbled** when they heard it. It wasn't the grumbling of empty stomachs yearning for bread, but the grumbling of hardened empty hearts unwilling to receive the gift given. They grumbled over Jesus claim to have come down from heaven. They knew His father (so they thought!). They knew His mother and His family. They knew where He was born and where He grew up. *How can He call Himself living Bread down from Heaven?*

INCARNATION SCANDAL It's the "**scandal**" of the **Incarnation**. God became Man, a Flesh and Blood Human Being. It's utterly scandalous to our reason, (all) our senses, our religious **sensibilities**. It's the first thing you have to deny when you want to write off Jesus. You must deny His Incarnation: that He is the eternal Word became flesh. That's what is often missed at Christmastime. **Christmas is really about the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us.** God is now Man in the Son. And the world is still scandalized by this today. Jesus the teacher, the family values policeman, the ethical philosopher, the moral example - all of these are **perfectly acceptable** to the world. But Jesus **the Son of God(?!)**, the infinite God in finite Flesh, the Word Incarnate - **unthinkable!** Islam denies it; Judaism denies it; Buddhism, Hinduism, and every other -ism all deny it. They have to deny it, because if it's true that Jesus is true God **as well as true Man**, then they're all out of business, ...which they actually are anyway.

MOST IMPORTANT Only the Flesh and Blood of God become Man **can save your flesh and blood** from the grave that is our lot in life. Only the blood of God's Son can cleanse from sin. Only the flesh of God's Son, offered up for the life of the world, can raise your flesh from the grave. Faith in Christ feeds on His Death, much the way scavenger birds feed on roadkill. Jesus said of His Kingdom, "*Where the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.*" Where the death of Jesus, there the faithful gather to eat and live off the one Death that brings life.

CONCLUSION In eating, we incorporate all the energies and vitalities of our food, releasing them for our life. Hearing Jesus' Word of forgiveness, hearing His Word "**This is My Body given for you; This is My Blood shed for you**" and actually eating His Body and drinking His Blood, trusting Jesus through the gift of faith (and that faith is a gift given by God, not the result of our doing), all the energies and vitalities of the crucified and risen flesh of the Son of God are incorporated into you. Eat this Bread and you have life forever. Eat this living Bread and He will raise you up on the Last Day. **With this food, you (really) are what you eat. IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ **11th Sunday after Trinity August 12, 2018**

As unworthy recipients of our Lord's unfathomable mercy, grace, forgiveness and love, let us pray for ourselves, for the whole Church, for the world and for all people in need. (Possible) Brief silence

For the whole Church, that by the Spirit's power all the Baptized may become imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this **Our Savior** congregation, that we be given grace to believe that through Christ we belong to one another and so be done with all falsehood and malice, instead speaking Christ's truth to one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, and particularly those who face discouraging times in their ministries, that they might find in God's Word and meal the strength they need to go on and fulfill the tasks God has given them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God to raise up many more servants of the Word, placing in their mouths no corrupting word but only that which is good and builds up and is fitting, that grace may come to all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president and Congress and justices, for our governor and legislature and judges, and for all entrusted with public health and safety, that they be strengthened and upheld in every good deed and that God would hinder all in our common life that grieves Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who walk through difficult and dark times, the sick, the lonely, the grieving, the injured, the persecuted, [*and especially all we have been asked to remember: OSL Prayer List.*]

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that they may know the peace of Christ's promise that whoever comes to Him will never be cast out, and that all who look to Him and believe will have eternal life and be raised up at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who come to partake of the flesh and blood of Him whom the Father sent here at this altar, that receiving in faith that which was offered for the life of the world, they may be filled with joy inexpressible and full of glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us offer to Christ, the bread of life, all thanks and praise, asking Him to bring us to see with them in His glorious light the fulfillment of His promise that whoever believes has eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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