



The Weekly Epistle

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024



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Take This Sheet Home With You!

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All Are Welcome! At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.

A Word from Pastor Tony



Today, we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks, a special moment as our students prepare to return to school. This tradition is a reminder of the sacred vocations of both students and teachers, which are central to our faith and community.

In our Lutheran tradition, we recognize that every vocation is a calling from God, and this includes the roles of students and teachers. Students are called to learn and grow in wisdom, while teachers are called to educate and nurture the next generation. These callings are not just tasks, but sacred duties that contribute to the well-being of the world and the mission of the church.

Martin Luther emphasized the importance of education, saying, "When schools flourish, all flourishes." Luther understood that education is vital not only for personal development but for the flourishing of society as a whole.

As we bless these backpacks today, we also bless the students who carry them and the teachers who guide them. May God fill our students with curiosity and diligence, and our teachers with wisdom and patience, so that all may grow in knowledge and faith.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn: | <i>Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun</i> | Green #269 |
| ◆ Psalm | 34:9-14 | Green, p.231 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i> | Insert |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>O Bread of Life from Heaven</i> | Green #222 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>I Am the Bread of Life</i> | Blue #702 |

The First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.' (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live

Church Picnic!

This Thursday, August 22, at 6 PM.
Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks provided
If you wish, bring a side dish or dessert to share



The altar flowers are given
in memory of Joe Kidd
by his children

BAPTISM TODAY!

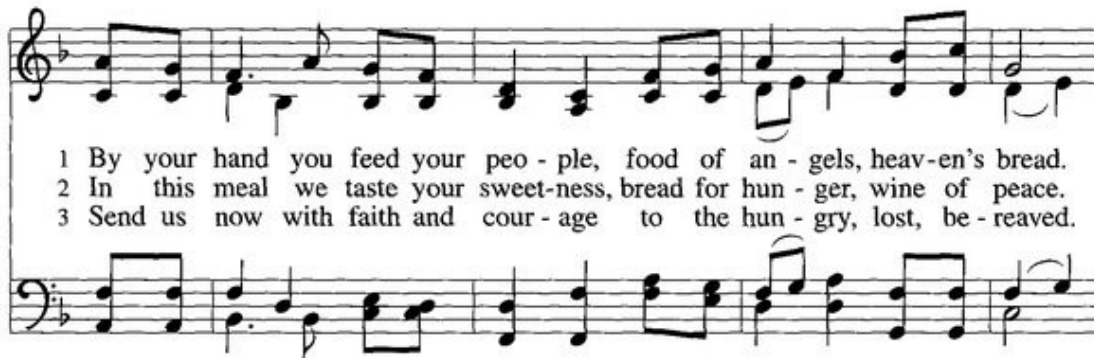
**OSBORN COLTON
FROHEN** will be
baptized into Christ
this morning. He is
the son of Alexander
and Stephanie
Frohen.

WELCOME TO
GOD'S HOLY
FAMILY!



By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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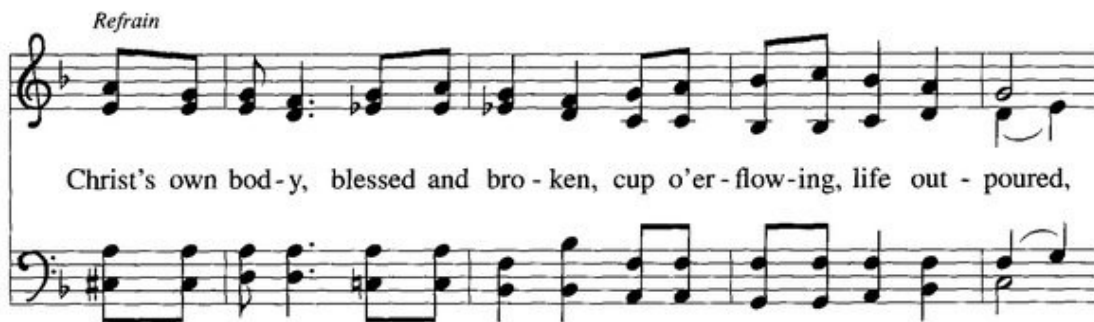


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

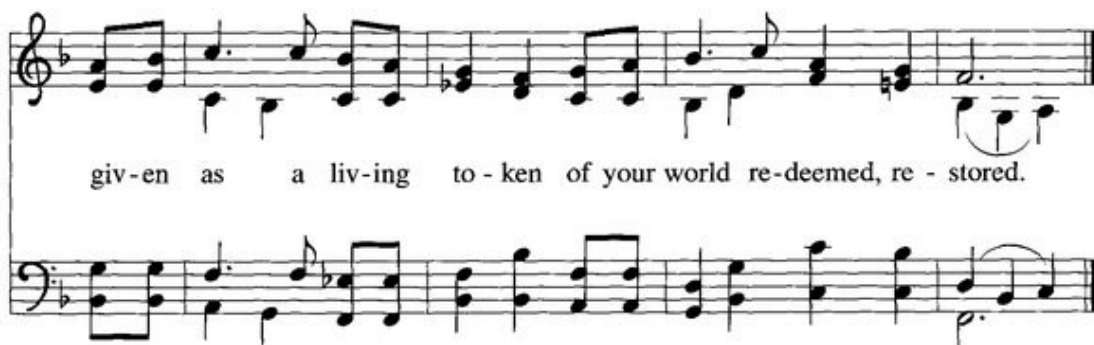


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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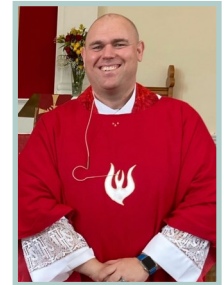
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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 18

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM
Lounge

Worship 10:00 AM
Nave

Thursday, August 22

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM
Parking Lot

Cookout 6:00 PM
Patio

Friday, August 23

Piecemakers 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 25

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM
Lounge

Worship 10:00 AM
Nave

Circle of Friends 4:00 PM
Lutheran Campus Chapel

Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

Lector: **Mary Boroff**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Mary Boroff & Bill Graham**

Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

Serving August 25th:

Assisting Minister: **Michael Grimm**

Lector: **Jennifer Reed**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Jerry Bouquot & Steve Woodruff**

Broadcaster: **Mary Boroff**

Communion Today

- ◆ **Communion today** is at the rail. Proceed down aisle filling in from outside toward center. Return to your pew down the side aisle on your side of the Church.
- ◆ **Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available**, just ask for them at the rail.