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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Communion will be served by the pastor and the elder at the bottom of the steps going up to the altar.

The offering plate will not be passed through the congregation. Instead the offerings will still be collected in the narthex via the offering box. The offerings will then be presented to the Lord during the service.

Worship folders will still be available for those who need them. Worship notes will be available for those wishing to use the hymnals.

These Emails, videos and other posts on Facebook will continue.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Bread***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

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Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.
For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service.
Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 15
The Words and Food of Eternal Life
August 14 & 15, 2021

Order of Divine Service *IV LSB 203*

PRAYER

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 589 “*Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*”

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,

Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

3 Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

When did God the Father declare us to be His children?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

- P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!
- C **Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- C **Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**
- P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- C **He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**
- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Who studies the works of the Lord?

KYRIE *LSB 204*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

- A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*

- C **1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**
- 3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,**

In God the Father's glory.

"Amen!" our glad reply.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Why do we want to know Jesus?

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 9:1–10*

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."
⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Where does wisdom and insight begin?

PSALM

P ¹²What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

C ¹³**Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.**

- P ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- C ¹⁵**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.**
- P ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- C ¹⁷**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
- P ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- C ¹⁹**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**
- P ²⁰He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- C ²¹**Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**
- P ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

What does the Lord do for us?

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21*

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

When should we give thanks to God the Father?

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:51–69*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I 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.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

To whom shall we go for eternal life?

Highlight (underline) all the words and phrases that declare Jesus as the one who gives us forgiveness and life.

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.**

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 696 "O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD"

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place

I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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PRAYER

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SERMON *“To Whom Shall We Go?” John 6:51–69*

Introduction:

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” These words are spoken during the Divine Service just before the reading of the Gospel. It announces what is taking place and about to take place. We are in the presence of our Lord. And the words that we have heard and about to hear are words of eternal life.

We can be assured of this because Jesus is the Word and He alone gives life.

I. Jesus, the Bread of Life

In the Word that we heard, the Gospel lesson for today, Jesus continues to describe Himself as the Bread of Life. He states that unless we eat of His flesh and drink of His blood there is no life in us.

This is a hard saying until one remembers the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. The priests and those bringing the offering ate the meat of certain sacrifices. This eating was a sign to the people are now in harmony and peace with the Father. They had shared a meal together. The blood of the sacrifice was splashed against the altar and at times, sprinkled on the people to indicate they were cleansed of their sins.

Christ now speaks of eating of His flesh by eating the Bread of Life and the sprinkling of His blood by the drinking of the blood of the Lamb. Jesus is saying that He is the Son of God who has come to this world in flesh and blood to be the Savior of the world. Anyone who believes and comes to Him will have eternal life and will be raised on the Last Day.

II. Jesus. Who Ascended into Heaven

Those present and even those who have been following Jesus as His disciples find this to be a hard saying. They understood that He was speaking of the sacrifices they were acquainted with. They were not being turned off by some cannibalistic action. They understood that He was proclaiming Himself to be the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. We know this by the words of Peter, "Lord, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to know you are the Son of God."

Yet, many of His disciples grumbled not believing Him to be the Son of God. They turned and left Him. It was no surprise to Jesus. He knew who didn't believe in Him as the Son of God and who would betray Him. Knowing their hearts is more proof that He was the Son of God.

In His attempt to draw them to believe, He speaks about His ascension. He puts into their minds that He was from the Father and would return to the Father. If they saw Him ascended into heaven, would they then believe? We don't know how many present would witness the risen Lord in person or see Him ascend into heaven. Some of them may have been present in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on that Pentecost Sunday.

We cannot be harsh with those who turned away. We must be on guard and seek God's help in matters of His Word and truth. We too follow because of the benefits we receive from Christ. Some of them are included in our daily bread. Yet, when the Word speaks of something we do not wish to agree with or goes against what we personally believe, we are tempted to turn away from Christ.

The world turns away from Jesus when He is announced to be the Son of God and only Savior of the world. They turn because the world says there are more saviors and more ways to be saved.

When we preach Christ crucified and that no one can come to the Father except through the Son, many turn away.

When we proclaimed faith alone in Christ saves, many turn away saying that there has to be more to this.

When we baptized our children, they scoff and say, "How can little children believe?" We say by the same power of the Holy Spirit that works faith in hearts by hearing His Word.

When we say, "This is My Body. This is My Blood," some turn away saying this is impossible.

When we declare actions as being sinful which the world calls acts of love, the world declares us haters. We are tempted to join the world and the culture of our day turning away from Christ.

Conclusion:

So, we pray that Jesus would keep us in the one true faith till life everlasting. We confess that we are tempted to turn away from Him at times and follow our own so-called truths. We seek His forgiveness when we see ourselves beginning to turn away from Him. We cling to the hope that He has given to us.

The Father has given His Son Jesus Christ to us as the sacrifice for our sin. God grant that we continue to eat of this sacrifice and continue to hear His Word. For to whom shall we go? Jesus has the Words of eternal life."

T AMEN T

PRAYER

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C let me with holy food be fed.

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING HYMN LSB 782 “GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS” *sts. 1, ref, 4*

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

D 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Hymn LSB798 "THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE"

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.

He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.

- 4 He by Himself has sworn;
I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face;
I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.
- 5 Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way
At His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass,
With Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness
My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned.
- 7 There dwells the Lord our king,
The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light
Forever reigns.
- 8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same

And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!”

- D 9 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!
I join the heav’nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

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Distribution Hymn LSB 523 “O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE”

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
O’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life’s voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
Still guides, O Christ, to You.
- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see You face to face!

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NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 211*

- C **1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory**

**Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 655 “LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

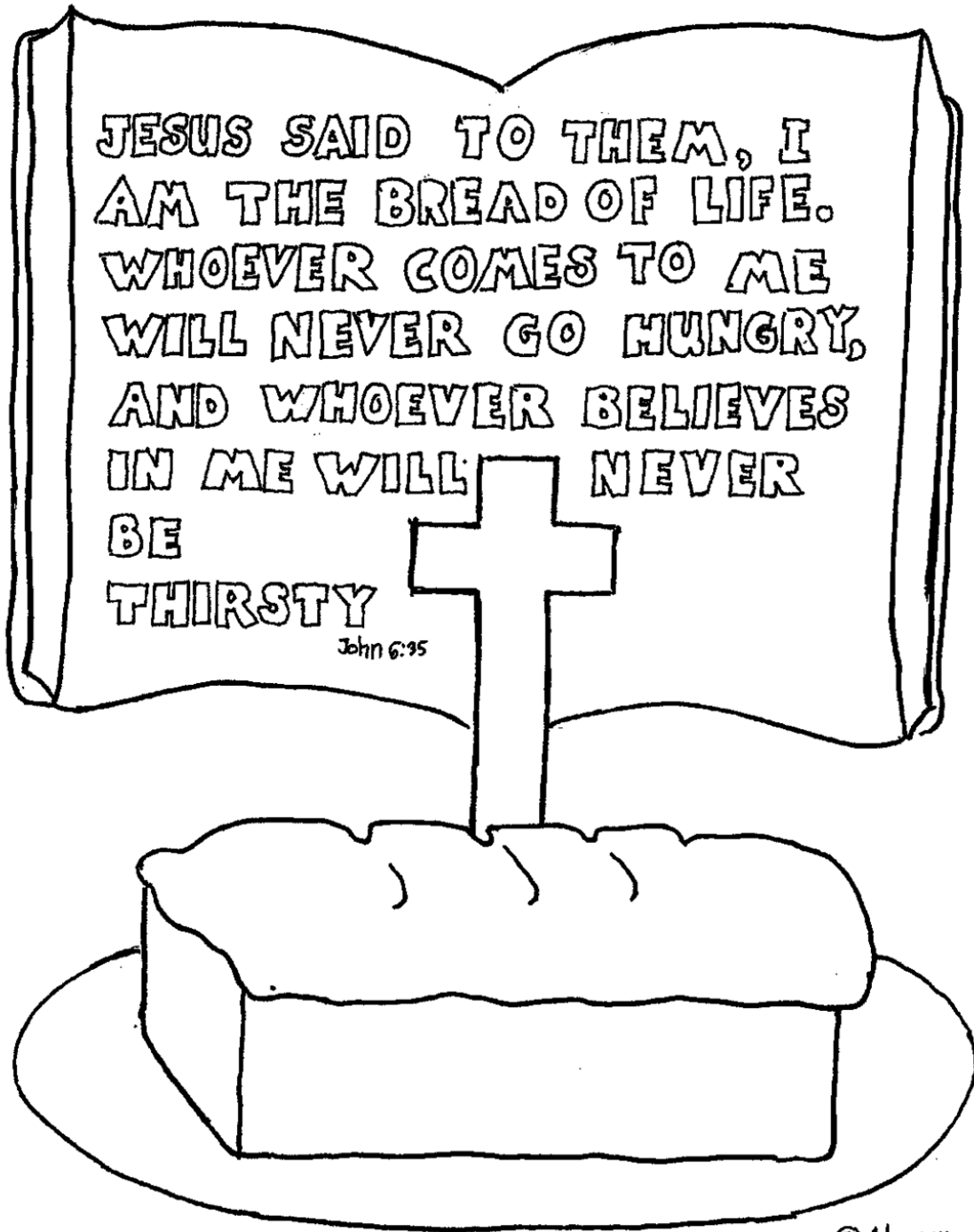
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