



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*FEEL THE RUSH OF THE WIND,
IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Extended Prelude & Words of Greeting

Opening Song in Hope & Grace “Jesus Messiah”

Tomlin

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

vs. 1 **He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

ref: **Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

bridge: **All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. *(refrain)*
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all! The Lord of all.**

Litany Celebrating The Rush of The Wind In Power & Grace – Psalm 81

Pastor: Today we trust anew, Jesus, Messiah, The Bread of Life, nourishes us well, feeds our spirit and fills our souls with grace in the rush of The Wind, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God: The Lord invites us to follow his voice and to once again let him nourish our spirits and lives. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to trust the Lord as The Bread of Life. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in Christ, feel the rush of The Wind as God fills you with grace in these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Jesus nourishes you with hope. The Bread of Life, feeds you, restores you; you are his living sanctuary!

Song Anew in Grace

“Sanctuary”

Scruggs & Thompson

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Pastor: Friends of Jesus: The Lord your God is lifting you up again today. As members of the Lord's family, let us open our mouths to be fed and nourished anew, then let us sing with great thanksgiving!

Song Anew in Grace **“Sanctuary”**
(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

Scruggs & Thompson

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Jesus feeds you and nourishes you with the finest gifts of bread and wine, water and promise, to be pure and holy, tried and true; you are fed and filled by The Bread of Life!

Song Anew in Grace **“Sanctuary”**
(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

Scruggs & Thompson

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, we trust you nourish us with your daily blessings. Today we come with hungry hearts and ask you once again to give us our daily bread. In the rush of The Wind, by your Holy Spirit, may The Bread of Life, The Bread of Heaven, feed us, nourish us, to grow our spirits in hope, life, faith and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson **Proverbs 9:1-6** **(all read bold print)**

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.”** (New Revised Standard Version)

Gospel **John 6:51-58** **(all read bold print)**

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 forever.” (New Revised Standard Version)

Children's Message & “Jesus Loves Me”
(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

Percival & Warner

Sermon **“Plenty of Nourishment, ...”** **Pastor Jamie Thompson**

Song Filled With Hope & Grace “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Thompson

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

- vs. 1 **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.**
- ref: **“Come home (come home), come home (come home)!
All who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”**
- vs. 3 **Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *(refrain)***

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus, ...

All: Let us feel the rush of The Wind, in your Spirit, and your grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer

**All: 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.**

Song During Holy Communion *(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)*

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

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- vs. 1 **I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart; (with all of my heart.)
I will praise You (I will praise you)
With all of my strength; (with all my strength.)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days, (all of my days.)
And I will follow, (I will follow)
All of Your ways. (Follow all Your ways.)**
- ref: **I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.**

vs. 2 **I will bow down, (I will bow down,) Hail You as King; (hail You as King.)
I will serve You, (I will serve You,) Give You ev'rything. (give You ev'rything.)
I will lift up (I will lift up) My eyes to Your throne; (my eyes to Your throne);
I will trust You, (I will trust You,) I will trust You alone (I'll trust You alone.)**
(refrain twice)

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, this day, and on into life everlasting. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ, The Lord of life. Amen.

Pastor: 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 give you peace, as you feel the rush of The Wind in God's saving grace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, and serving the Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew In Grace "You Never Let Go"

Redman

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing)

vs. 1 **Even though I walk through the valley, of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

ref: **And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me!
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me!**

vs. 2 **And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth *(refrain)***

bridge: **Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
Still I will praise You! Still I will praise You! *(repeat)*
Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me! *(repeat)***

Postlude

***Join us next Sunday, August 22, The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost,
“What An Appetite, In The Rush of The Wind!”***

*Worship includes a Children’s Message, a Sermon, and Holy Communion!
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts on our Facebook page, under “videos.”*

***As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,***

live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!

You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!

***All who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God’s table of grace as we
share Holy Communion. Communion is now offered once again during worship, as we share
pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice.***

*Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you;
then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

***For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the building.***

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!***

Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God’s people and to be God’s Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew***

***God’s gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God’s light, love, and grace!***

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“PLENTY OF NOURISHMENT ... IN THE RUSH OF THE WIND!”
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 15, 2021
PROVERBS 9:1-6; EPHESIANS 5:15-20; JOHN 6:51-58
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Do you get enough nourishment? Do you try to eat enough of the right foods? Does your diet include the major food groups? How does your body react when you do not get enough of the necessary nutrients? Does your energy supply disappear? Does your strength and stamina begin to suffer? As we further reflect on Jesus as The Bread of Life, we are reminded our spirit, our faith, need proper nourishment. In the rush of The Wind, as we feast on The Bread of Life, our spirit, our faith, will be fed and graced with the nourishment they need. When your heart in Christ is looking to be properly fed, come to the One who will keep you alive; come to the One who will give your spirit energy and purpose; come to the One who will keep you strong. Trust The Bread of Life came down from heaven to nourish your growing spirit, in power and grace!

1. Like our body, our spirit and our faith also need nourishment to keep alive in the rush of The Wind. John 6:51
 - A. Jesus said he is "The living bread that came down from heaven." Jesus is the living bread. Not the bread that was alive. Not the bread that might stay alive. Not the bread that will one day live. This living bread has life now and will stay alive forever.
 - B. As the people of God, as God's people, we need to nourish and keep alive our spirit through all of life's ups and downs.
 - C. Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15 - The wisdom of God keeps us alive. Faith keeps us wise when all else tempts us and looks tasty.
 - i. Wisdom is at the heart of true living.
 - ii. Come and be nourished, not distracted.
 - iii. 'Come and eat of my bread and wine lay aside immaturity, ... walk in the way of insight ... and live.'
2. Our spirit, our faith, need nourishment to give them energy, in the rush of The Wind. Ephesians 5:15,18
 - A. Paul reminds the people of Ephesus and us, The Holy Spirit nourishes us and keeps us wise; The Holy Spirit fills us with energy and purpose.
 - B. As we abide in Christ, as we feed on Christ's flesh and blood, we are nourished to charge forward to serve and to witness!

3. Our spirit, our faith, need nourishment to stay strong in the rush of The Wind.
Ephesians 5:18; John 6:55-57
 - A. Jesus calls us to eat his flesh and to drink his blood, to abide with him, to be at one with him, to make God and our neighbor first.
 - i. Leviticus 17:10-11 - Shares laws prohibiting cannibalism. Jesus is a very faithful Jew, and would not put these laws into question.
 - ii. Nothing weakens us more than feeling alone. We are nourished and strengthened when we abide with Christ. It's tougher to get any closer, to be nourished any better, than to be at one with Jesus.
 - iii. When we eat and drink of him, we witness that we know, trust and surrender to The One who keeps us alive.
 - B. When you are in crisis, when your spirit suffers tragedy, you need to eat and drink to keep up your strength. Turn to Jesus!
4. John 6:51,58 - 'As we eat and drink, we will live forever.' Trust your life, your spirit are graced and properly nourished in the rush of The Wind. Thanks be to God, we can come and feast on Who nourishes best our soul, heart and spirit; Jesus, The Bread Of Life!