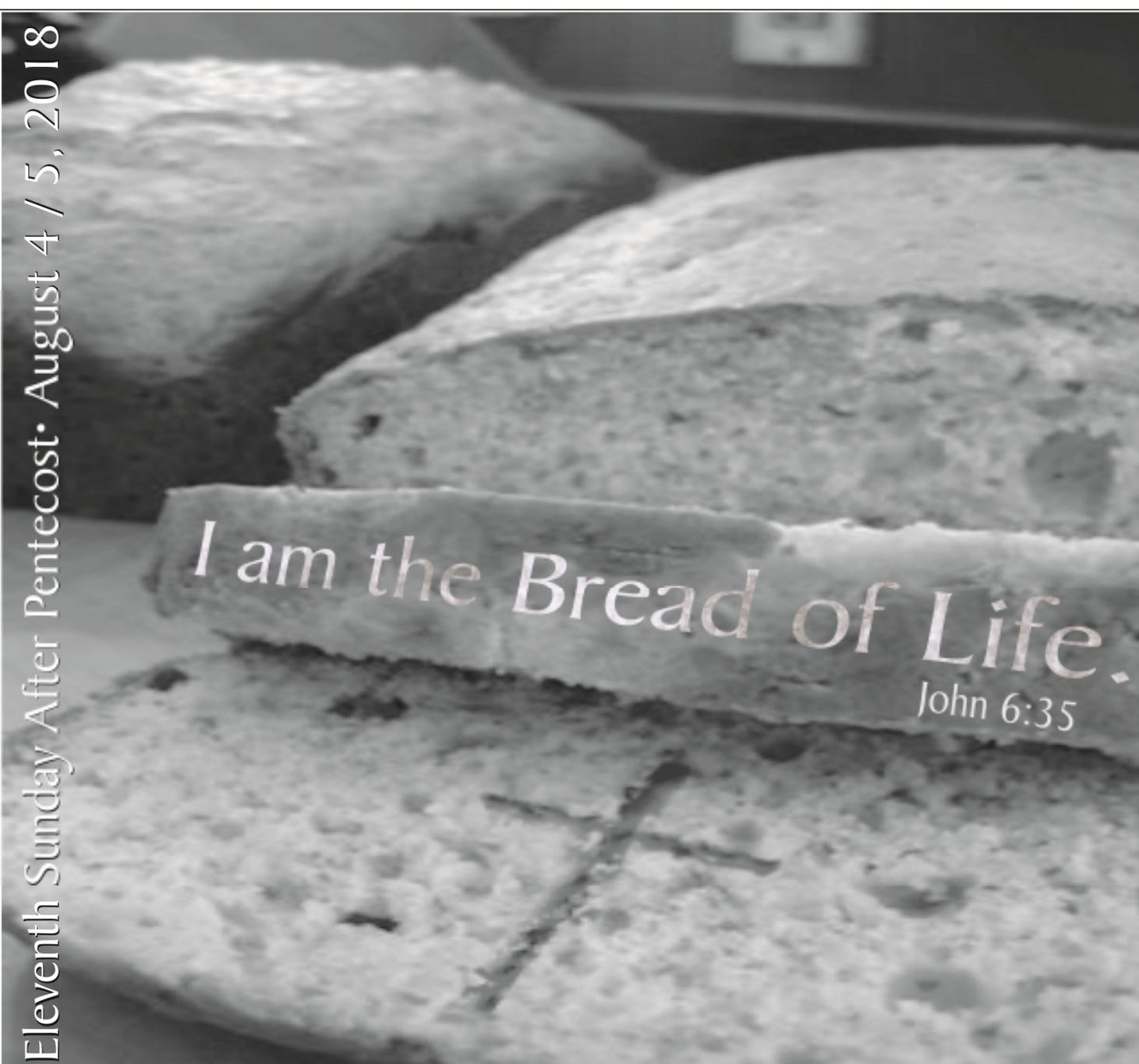


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*I am the Bread of Life.*  
John 6:35

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**Prayer before worship:** Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father, who gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater: Give to us, unworthy though we are, all that we need for body and life. But above all, fill us with your holy Word that our souls may be nourished, our faith may be strengthened, and we may share the good news of Jesus with others. Lord Jesus, Bread of Life and our true and living Savior, teach us to focus our hearts on you that we may find peace even in the midst of this troubled world, assured by your redemption that our sins are forgiven and that heaven is ours through faith in you. Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith and grant us joy in all we do by your grace and for your name's sake. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN**

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

*CW352*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Exodus 16:2-20**

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,

"In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community,

they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. The LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the

LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they

measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed. Then Moses said to them, "No one is

to keep any of it until morning." However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

## PSALM of the DAY

## Psalm 145

*CW* p. 119

## SECOND LESSON

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied

them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13

careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

## GENERAL VERSE

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## GOSPEL

## John 6:24-35

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which

the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to

them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

**HYMN of the DAY**

*Delay Not! Delay Not*

*CW 337*

*Women sing stanza 2*

*Men sing stanza 4*

**SERMON**

**John 6:24-35**

**THE LORD ENDORSES THE BREAD OF LIFE**

- 1. FREE OF CHARGE**
- 2. MEETS WITH GOD'S APPROVAL**
- 3. GIVES ETERNAL LIFE**

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**PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE SACRAMENT**

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*What Is This Bread?*

*CW Supplement 742*

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**ORGANIST**

Craig Hirschmann

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sun	10:45 am	Adult Bible Class
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
Wed	5:15 pm	St. Paul's Church Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Thu		St. Paul's School Registration Day at St. Paul's Church
Fri	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Lincoln Park, 718 S. State St.

### **† Upcoming Weekend Services †**

Saturday: 7 pm  
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 12	9 am	Fellowship Sunday and Produce Swap
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Class
Aug 13	4 pm	OWLS Picnic at Steffen Residence: 1415 N. Minnesota St.
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Aug 16		MVL Registration Day
Aug 17	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Harman Park, 101 N. Garden St.
Aug 19		Fall Schedule Begins: 11 am service added
Aug 20	10:15 am	MLC Opening Service
Aug 21	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 24	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Highland Park, 1627 5th North St.
Aug 26	9 am	Fellowship Sunday
	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service
Aug 29	7 pm	Confirmation Meeting: Parents and Students
Sep 3		Labor Day: church office closed
Sep 4	8:20 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Sep 5	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
Sep 7	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Sep 8	3 pm	A Time to Celebrate at St. Paul's School
Sep 9	9:30 am	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School begin
Sep 11	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Sep 12	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
Sep 13	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was 388.

**Hospitalized and in Need of Comfort** ~ Please remember in your prayers our members, Jerry Horner, who underwent surgery on Friday at New Ulm Medical Center; and also the family of Ryan Walters, as Dominik Walters his four-year-old son suffered from an illness affecting both his heart and brain which took his young life on Thursday. May God grant health and healing to Jerry, and grant comfort to the Walters family through Jesus Christ our Lord who has prepared a place for all his children in heaven.

**Fellowship Sunday and Produce Swap** ~ Is your garden bursting with more delicious produce than you can consume, or do you long for some fresh summer veggies? Our next Fellowship Sunday will help both situations! If you are looking to give produce away bring your bounty to our next Fellowship Sunday on Sunday, August 12th. The open walkway on Washington Street will have tables available for our members to drop off or pick up produce. (There is no requirement to bring produce in order to take some home). Then stop inside for some coffee and morning snacks after the 8 am service, continuing until after the 9:30 am service.

**Fellowship at Flandrau State Park** ~ If you are looking for another fun way to connect with your fellow St. John's members, stop on down to Flandrau State Park on Tuesday, August 14th. It will be a relaxing come-and-go afternoon of swimming and fellowship followed by a bring-your-own picnic supper around 5:00. The pool is open until 7:00. There are grills, playground equipment, a volleyball court and plenty of space for lawn games. We hope to see you there!

**Visitation and Encouragement** ~ Anyone who might want to give special care to our homebound members and those in group facilities through things like prayers, greetings, phone calls, and if possible visits, just so they are not forgotten or neglected by their church family, can contact Mary Thom at 217-6884 or maryjt.5511@yahoo.com. Thanks.

**New Sidewalk** ~ Recently St. John's had a sidewalk constructed between the handicap parking spots and the covered portion of the driveway. Thank you to Joel and Aaron Black, Shawn Heiderscheidt, Lyle Heiderscheidt and Kevin Schweiss for their work and donations to the project.

**St. John's Service is on our Website** ~ Please be reminded you can always find the weekend service on our church website at [www.stjohnsnewulm.com/worship](http://www.stjohnsnewulm.com/worship).

**Summer Bible Class** ~ The summer Bible class takes place following the 9:30 service on Sunday mornings. The study will be on the book of Hebrews. Even if you have not been in the class yet, you can jump in any time.

**Family Bible Night at St. Paul's Church** ~ A study of the fourth commandment: in our homes, our churches, our communities will be on Wednesday, August 8th. The event begins with a picnic at 5:15 pm, followed by opening worship, Bible study, activities and closing. Come and enjoy food, fun and Christian fellowship. At the same time let the Lord bless your heart and home with the message of his love and goodness. Family Bible Time is for all ages. Bring friends. Sign up at: [splnewulm.org/church/event/family-bible-nights/](http://splnewulm.org/church/event/family-bible-nights/).

**OWLS Annual Picnic** ~ We will meet on Monday, August 13 for our annual picnic on the shady and lush lawn of Gerald and Gerry Steffen at 1415 North Minnesota. Parking is available by alley just on the back edge of the lawn as well as on the street. Our Social Hour will begin already at 4 pm for all who wish and will extend until 5 pm. At 5 pm the always delicious eating time begins. We wish to encourage all our congregation seniors (55+) to come whether OWLS members or not. It is good when our brothers and sisters in faith can get to know each other also as good friends. Welcome to you all! Thank you Gerald and Gerry for opening your home to us once again! The cost is \$5 per person. All food and beverages will be provided. Contributions over and above the \$5 will go to the WELS European Chaplaincy program. Please bring along a lawn chair if possible but there will be some extras available. Please contact Dale Markgraf very soon if you plan to attend at demarkgraf@gmail.com or 354-2735

**St. Paul's School ~ School supplies** may be brought to school between Monday, August 20 and the start of school on September 4. This is a change from the information that was included in the school summer mailing. The change is due to the utility work being done at school. **Hymnals Needed** St. Paul's School is looking for donations of hymn books for the upcoming school year. We need 30 copies of the red Christian Worship - A Lutheran Hymnal. If you are able to help, please drop off at either the church or the school office. Thank you! **Job Openings** Permanent kitchen position available at St. Paul's Lutheran School starting August, 2018. Position would be a minimum of 2 hours per day from 11 am - 1 pm. The job includes serving, clean up, and occasional meal prep along with other duties. Contact Jenny with questions at 354-2329 ext 118. Please leave a message. Applications are available at school office.

**Campaign News** ~ The relocation of utilities is underway and as a result the St. Paul's School facility will be closed 7/25 - 8/10. To contact the school office or Mr. Markgraf call the church office at 354-3641. Teams connected with the school project have been active - working on facility plan details, preparing new presentation materials, planning events for the next school year, and arranging financing - all preparing for a start of construction in spring of 2019. Presently the total of gifts given to the project is \$2,339,837 and the balance of the fund after expenses is \$1,827,920. Note that St. Paul's Council has set 9/30 as the date for a special voters meeting to focus on the school project. Please keep the project in your prayers.

**MVL Job Openings ~ MVL Food Service Assistant:** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a part-time position open in the food service. This position is for about 6 to 6 1/2 hours per day during the school year. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Principal Tim Plath at MVL at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. **Director of Mission Advancement:** MVL is looking for a male member of an ELS/WELS church to serve as a full time Director of Mission Advancement. Information on the position, as well as an application, are available from MVL's principal, Tim Plath at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

**MLC Job Openings** ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for **one part-time Administrative Assistant for Staff Ministry and Congregational Assistant Program** and **one full-time Administrative Assistant for Human Resources**. A comprehensive description of these positions can be found at [mlc-wels.edu/hr](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr). Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm (noon) on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

**A Time to Celebrate** ~ If you enjoyed the St. Paul's School Up on the Roof celebration last year, then you won't want to miss our next fall festival celebration, A Time to Celebrate! The event will take place on the school grounds on Saturday, September 8, from 3 - 6 pm. There will once again be an opportunity before the event to remember the School Building Project with your special donations. Please stay tuned for more details to come.

**Campus Ministries** ~ True North in the Twin Cities and The Beacon in Mankato are two opportunities for our young adults to be involved in God's Word as they study for other professions. Contact our Pastor to see who is serving as campus Pastor where you are attending school. There are signup sheets for True North in the Narthex.

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**About the Cover** ~ Jesus is the Bread of Life, that is to say, he is the only one who can sustain our souls spiritually and offer us the gift of everlasting life through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus promises that whoever comes to him will never grow hungry or become thirsty. Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior will ultimately be free from sin and its curse. We will have total comfort and satisfaction in Jesus who came to this world in order to raise us from spiritual death to spiritual life by his grace.