

# Time after Pentecost

## Lectionary 18

### August 5, 2018



**Gathering Song**      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*      **Hymn #461**  
**Hymn of the Day**      *Let Us Break Bread Together*      **Hymn #471**  
**Sending Song**      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*      **Hymn #836**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

**A:** *A reading from Exodus.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At

twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:23–29**

**Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1–16

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

**A:** *A reading from Ephesians*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



**P:***The holy gospel according to St. John*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do

to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**(Petition Response to Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.)**

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*Nicole Nicholson, Church Musician  
Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant  
Roxanne Toomey, Deacon  
April Pace, Nursery School Director*

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**We Welcome all visitors** to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Room 2000 immediately following the 9:00 am worship service.

**Parents with Restless Children** may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

**The Altar Flowers** are given by **the Reimer and Freyer Families** in celebration of **Barbara Reimer's birthday.**

## Serving Today

Deacon: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey  
Lector: 9:00-Roxanne Toomey  
Comm.Assists:9:00-Julie Fisher, June Fahey  
Acolyte: 9:00-  
Crucifer: 9:00-  
Ushers: 9:00- Craig Sparke, Bob Ahearn, Michael Soethout  
Altar Guild: Kay Riese, Emmy Grenzlig, June Fahey, Ann Reimer  
Counters: Bill Roser, Joan Drake, Marge Dahlberg,  
Art Johnson  
Flower Delivery: Nancy Pisani  
Coffee Hour Hosts: The Colton Family

## Announcements for the Week of August 5, 2018

Best wishes to **Barbara Reimer** on her birthday!

Many thanks to **The Colton Family** who will be hosting our Coffee Hour today.

### A note from Jeri:

Thank you for everyone's prayers for her daughter, **Karen McGuigan**. Karen is doing well. With God's Blessings, Jeri.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Summer Communion Assistant Sign-up Sheet** is on the desk in the back of the Sanctuary. **Two Sundays need Communion Assistants** – if you can help out on any of these Sunday mornings, please sign up on the sheet. **Thank You!**

**SAVE THE DATE – CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** will be held at Lido Golf Course in Lido Beach on **Friday, September 14**. Brochures with information on the

Golf Outing and the Congregational Dinner will be in September's SPIRE and also in the Coffee Hour room and on the shelf in the Narthex.

**Just a reminder – Eyeglass Collection Box** – If you have any old eye glasses that you no longer need or use, the Wantagh Lion's Club is collecting them. There is a box in the hallway outside the Library where you may donate your old glasses. Thank You!

**Nursery School Registration for the 2018 - 2019 School Year is in progress.** There are classes for 2, 2-1/2, 3 and 4 year olds, mornings only. If you have any questions about the program, please call the Nursery School at 516-679-8425

The Following People Are on Our Prayer List ~ We Remember Them in Our Prayers ~

**Jose Alves, Ellen Bacotti, Nancy Balland, Carole Brodman, William Callanan, Jerry Cardone, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Timothy Coffey, Dennis Colton, Frank DiBella, Joan diDonato, Gladys Dougherty, Lillian Eastlund, Carol Falco, Michael Florio, Lynn Franz, Barbara Grieser, Helen Gscheidle, John Hopper, Carolyn Howard, Gerard Hutchinson, Ed Kazcmarcy, Florence Kirch, James Lodato, Carly Mantay, Maritza Mazza, Karen Hallgren McGuigan, Janet McShea, William McShea, Susan Mulder, Tara Nappo, Gary Proce, Anna May Singer, George & Marylou Steele, Bruce Stevens, Natalie Stone, Austin Thomsen, Angela Ucci, Sigrid Vogel, Justin**

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 221-3286.

## **Thrift Shop Hours:**

Friday ~ 9am - 3pm

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month ~ 10am - 2pm

## **St. John's Food Pantry**

instant oatmeal, chili, jelly, cookies, pork and beans,  
Hamburger Helper, canned tomatoes, hash, stew,  
spam, mayonnaise, dish soap

## **Weekly Calendar**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 18</b>
		<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	<b>Thrift Shop</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 19</b>
		<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>