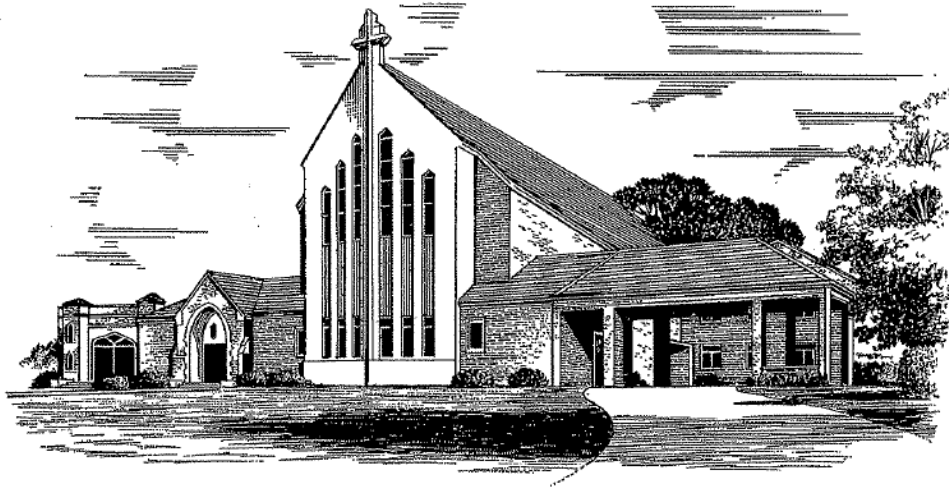


Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"When I was in want...my needs were supplied
by the people who came from Macedonia."
II Corinthians 11:9*

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2009
8:15 & 10:30 Worship Service**

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Setting One – 8:15 & 10:30 (ELW)

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

PRELUDE (8:15)

Bread of Life From Heaven

H. Isaak

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Psalm 149:1, Joel 2:15-17; Matthew 18:20)*

(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)

PRELUDE (10:30)

Prelude in C

by Hal W. Hopson

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(1 John 1:8,9)*

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING SONG

Voices Raised to You

ELW 845 (*Red Hymnal*)


GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Revelation 5:12,13*) *Men Sing 1 only, Women Sing 2 only, All Sing 3 & Refrain*


Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



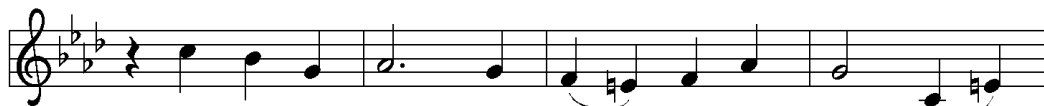
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING *Proverbs 9:1-6*

(John 1:1-5; Colossians 3:16)

A A reading from Proverbs chapter nine.

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:15–20*

A A reading from Ephesians chapter five.

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

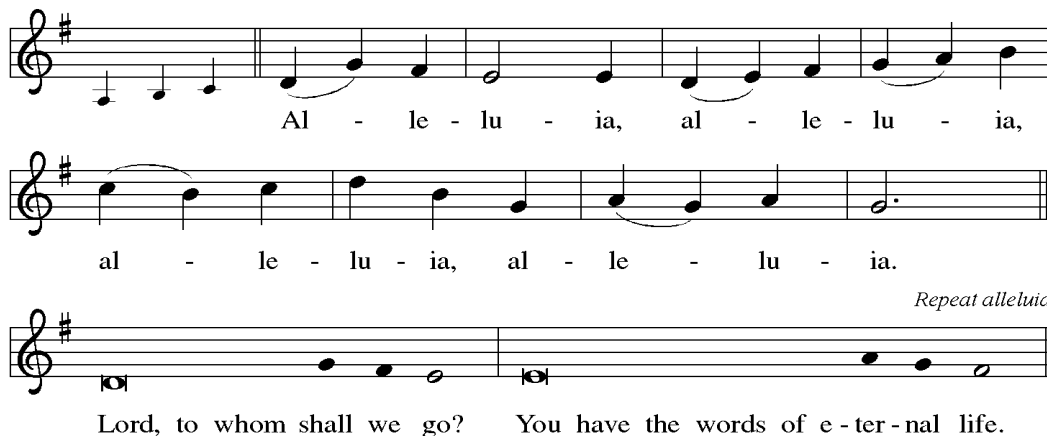
¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*John 6:68*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL *John 6:51–58*

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

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

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

⁵¹I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So 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. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Let Us Eat*

ELW 491 (*Red Hymnal*)

SERMON **"THANKS ANY TIME, ANY PLACE?"**
Text: Ephesians 5:15–20

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(1 Timothy 2:1,2)*

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Kneel/Sit for a brief silence of reflection.

A Let us pray for all who welcome God's word into their lives, especially for the Christian people, and for churches torn apart by dissension. *(silence)* God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for all lands and waterways, especially where they are polluted, and for courage to live as faithful stewards of God's creation. *(silence)* God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for all nations, especially those that are oppressed, devastated, or impoverished, and for governments and leaders committed to peace and justice. *(silence)* God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for all who suffer: for the excluded, the homeless, refugees, prisoners; for those who grieve, who face death, who are sick *(especially)*. *(silence)* God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for all who serve: for nurses and hospice workers, for custodians and housekeepers, for public servants, all who protect and rescue, and all whose service goes unnoticed. (*silence*) God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for children and for young people, and for all who care for them, especially new parents, daycare workers, foster parents, teachers, and counselors. (*silence*) God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Let us give thanks for the saints who have gone before us in the faith and now rest in the arms of God. (*silence*) God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, you are near to us when we cry out to you. Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Matthew 5:23-24*)

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:15) *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* W. Thompson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30) *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Handel, arr. L. Kirby

OFFERTORY HYMN *Loving Spirit* (stz. 1, 4-5) **ELW 397** (*Red Hymnal*)

THE PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Psalm 136)*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and uses a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases in bold. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold to match the music.

THE PREFACE *(Spoken by the Pastor)*

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

C **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

COMMUNION (*John 6:48-50; Acts 2:42*)

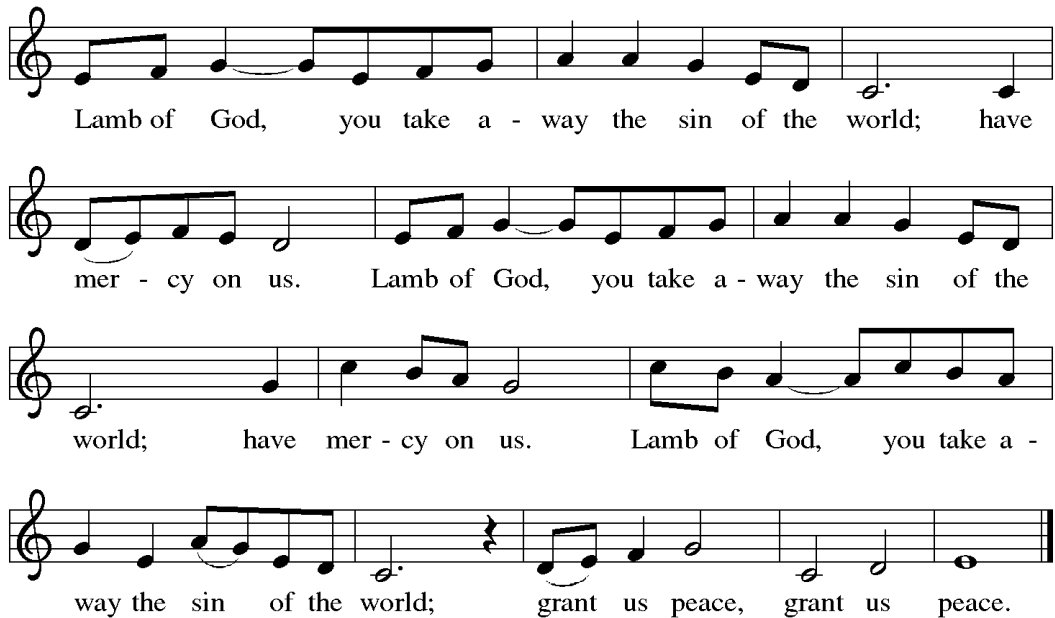
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

A The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1:29*) (*Sing Twice*)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Let Us Break Bread Together
When We Are Living*

ELW 471 (*Red Hymnal*)
ELW 639 (*Red Hymnal*)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Luke 2:28-32*)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

A Let us pray.

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536 (*Red Hymnal*)

DISMISSAL (*Matthew 28:19*)

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(8:15) *Christians, One and All, Rejoice*
(10:30) *Trumpet Voluntary*

H. Quehl
John Stanley

Welcome! It is our goal to be the family of God. Therefore, we encourage everyone to welcome and greet warmly all who worship in this house of God.

Visitors! We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

The **Kyrie** is not sung after Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7. We will sing it again on Christ the King Sunday, November 22.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of my grandmother Mary Englehart by Barbara Lilienthal.

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of August please bring juices, fruit & applesauce.

Please remember in your prayers: Jim Copland, Joe Evanoff, Don Honeycutt, David Millspaugh, Joseph Minnick, L. B. Owen, Elizabeth Pickard. (*Prayer requests should be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.*)

CUB SCOUTS - All boys entering the 1st through the 5th grade are invited with their parents to a get-together at Macedonia tomorrow night, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. for ice cream. This will be an opportunity to find out about the exciting world of Cub Scouting. For additional information call Cub Master Clark Gable at 584-1963.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will be on Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.

The Youth are planning a lake trip August 29-30, to John and Sharon Walker's lake house. This trip will be a welcome for our rising 6th graders. We will need parents to drive and chaperone. The cost for this is yet to be determined, but it should not exceed \$30. We will be meeting at the church at **8:00 a.m.** to leave for the Walker's lake house on the 29th. Please contact Michele Claypool at: wclaypool@triad.rr.com or Melinda Menz at: menz_melinda@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending or chaperoning. We are looking forward to a great year with our Middle and High School Group.

Have a **SUGGESTION OR QUESTION** about the ministries, programs, or facilities here at Macedonia? We take your feedback seriously and have placed a new Suggestion Box in the Narthex near the entrance to the Sanctuary. The box is checked frequently and only by our Congregational President. Every suggestion received is reviewed by the Executive Committee. If you provide your name and contact information, we will notify you within one week that we've received your suggestion. We will contact you again with a status report following the next monthly Council meeting. Quarterly, we will review all suggestions and questions to ensure that we've taken appropriate action where warranted.

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today (8/16)**
- 8:00 Circle #6
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
- Monday**
- 9:00 Good Shepherd Kitchen
 - 6:00 BS Scouts Troop 39
 - 7:00 CS Troop 39
- Tuesday**
- 9:00 WELCA Bible Study
 - 10:30 WELCA Board
 - 7:00 Crop Walk Recruiter Meeting
- Wednesday**
- 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice
- Sunday (8/23)**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship



MACEDONIA MINISTRY MANIA

Sept. 12th starting at 3:00 p.m.

We will be having a pig roast, music, activities, inflatables and a chance to learn more about the different ministries at Macedonia.

Don't miss what promises to be a fun-filled day.

Attention all ministries of Macedonia!

Macedonia Ministry Mania will be an opportunity for each ministry to share what they have been doing and are planning on doing during the upcoming year. (Maybe even get some new recruits). The hope is that each ministry will be represented by some type of display and/or representative in Luther Hall on this day.

FLESH AND BLOOD



Jesus is teaching in Capernaum. The disputing crowd in the earlier part of John 6 is replaced by people like us, curious and wanting to learn what this rabbi has to say. He tells us that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood to have eternal life, to be connected with God in the same way he is. This will be startling to the disciples and other hearers.

A young man was curious about Christianity. He went to his fiancée's pastor to learn about Jesus. During one of their last sessions, he observed holy communion. Afterward, he was alarmed, "Isn't that like cannibalism? Eating a person's flesh and blood?" The pastor explained that Jesus is calling us to accept him completely, to receive eternal life through him.

John wrote his gospel at a time when a lot of people thought that Jesus may have been only a spiritual being, not fully human, flesh and blood. We may sometimes slip into that kind of thinking as well. "Jesus is a nice person; Jesus was God and not like us; Jesus didn't experience what all humans experience." Our gospel reading today calls those ideas into question. John wanted us to see that Jesus gave all of himself for us, in his life and in his death.

When we receive holy communion, it appears to be simply bread and wine. But Jesus reminds us that what we are integrating into ourselves is *him*, flesh and body and spirit. Our very cells are changed by the presence of the bread and wine—the body and blood of Christ. It's a mystery how it happens that bread and wine become the very flesh and blood of Jesus, but it is true. We are in awe of the miracle that Jesus becomes part of us as the bread of life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 16, 2009 - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Monday	Psalm 36, Genesis 43:1-15, Acts 6:1-7
Tuesday	Psalm 36, Genesis 45:1-15, Acts 7:9-16
Wednesday	Psalm 36, Genesis 47:13-26, Mark 8:14-21
Thursday	Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Friday	Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:10-20, Romans 13:11-14
Saturday	Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:21-34, Luke 11:5-13
Sunday	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

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Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15)	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30)	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer	Jacob Ingle
Acolytes	Hannah Black, Will Ingle
Lay Reader	(8:15) Cheryl English. (10:30) Yvonne White
Communion Preparer.....	Frank Rhue
Communion Assistant	(8:15) Sandee Jackson. (10:30) Bill Myers
Greeters	Bob Miller, Millie Miller, Don Matkins, Ruth Matkins
Nursery Attendants	Barbara Lilienthal, Max Menz
Ushers	Tommy Turner - Chief, Dave Robinson - Ass't.
.....	Bill Claypool, Charles DeBoard, John Gee, Richard Johnson, Ron Mills, Jim Ysteboe
Sound System.....	Tom and Colleen Macklin
Dust Covers	Betty Davis, Sharon Walker

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