



RESTORED
IN CHRIST

BROKEN BREAD

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“Broken Bread”
--Lenten Service--

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Opening Hymn

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

#431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

P God created us to be dependent and needy begins. We enter life helpless with no choice but to rely on others to provide for all of our needs—and through those others, God provides our needs.

C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

P Even as adults, our dependence and neediness continues. We must eat and drink every day. We need shelter and clothing, and we need a community and a purpose, and all of these needs God provides.

C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

P Though God faithfully keeps His promise to provide, our daily needs have a way of distracting us and mastering us. Material things grow large and demand our attention, and we lose perspective.

C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

P Indeed, there is more to life than the pursuit of bread, and tonight we pause to reorder our thinking and our lives. Tonight, we rejoice that God gives daily bread and His life-giving Word.

C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.

Confession and Absolution

P We so easily misuse what God gives: blessings become obsessions, gifts become vices and provisions become causes for temptation and sin. So we confess together our problems with daily bread and our struggle with life's material needs.

C Lord, You shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life. My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack of self-control and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread.

P God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures, and far more importantly, He gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what He gives us. Receive the wonderful word from His own mouth: Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure.

C Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-8

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Gospel Reading

John 6:48-58

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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 like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Sermon Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

#625 vs. 1, 3-4



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ-teous-ness,
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im - plored,
Lord, cov - er me That I re-ceive You wor - thi - ly,
this com-forts me That You re-ceive me gra - cious - ly,



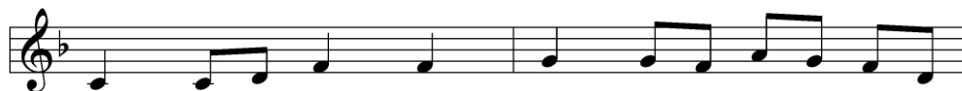
Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
As - sured of Your full par - don.
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Sermon

Offering/

Offertory

#782 vs. 1-3



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Prayers/The Lord's Prayer

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Christ who heals all brokenness,

C restore us, Bread of Heaven.

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

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

#420 Vs. 1 & 5



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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