

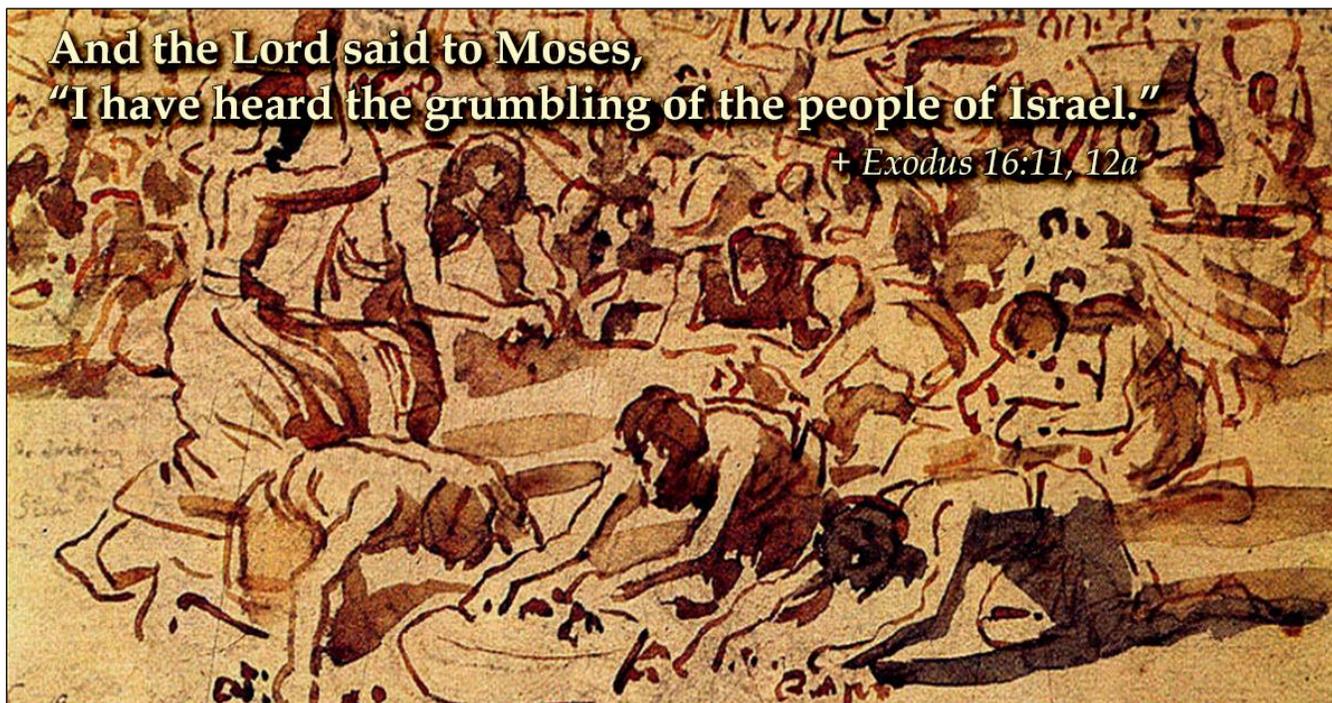


**“I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”**

+ John 6:35b

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021



**And the Lord said to Moses,
“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel.”**

+ Exodus 16:11, 12a

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Bread, in one form or another, is a dietary staple in most every culture. Though today we can be overwhelmed at the grocery store with countless types and styles, even in its simplest form, bread continues to sustain stomachs in a variety of ways.

Bread, or the simplest form of manna, is what the Lord would use to sustain His people in the wilderness, and the image of bread is what He would use to help people understand the greater gift He came to give in His own Son. Yet, more than sustaining a diet for this body and life, Jesus, the bread of life, has come to serve us salvation, sustain our souls, and feed us with His forgiveness.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal

LSB 916



1 On - ly - be - got - ten, Word of God e - ter - nal, Lord of cre -
2 Ho - ly this tem - ple where our Lord is dwell - ing; This is none
3 Hear us, O Fa - ther, as we throng Your tem - ple. By Your past
△ 4 God in three per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, Son co - e -



a - tion, mer - ci - ful and might - y: Hear us, Your ser - vants,
oth - er than the gate of heav - en. Ev - er Your chil - dren,
bless - ings, by Your pres - ent boun - ty, Smile on Your chil - dren,
ter - nal, ev - er bless - ed Spir - it: To You be prais - es,



as our tune - ful voic - es Rise in Your pres - ence.
year by year re - joic - ing, Chant in Your tem - ple.
and in grace and mer - cy Hear our pe - ti - tion.
thanks, and ad - o - ra - tion, Glo - ry for - ev - er.

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Stand – The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) With upright heart He shep- | herded them*
And guided them with His | skillful hand.

²³ He commanded the | skies above*
and opened the doors of | heaven,

²⁴ **and He rained down on them the man- | na to eat***
and gave them the grain of | heaven.

²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the | angels; *
He sent them food in a- | bundance.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



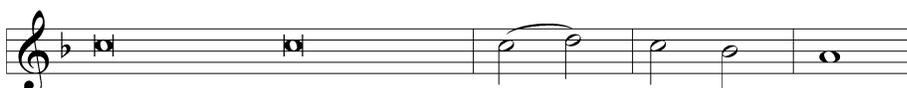
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



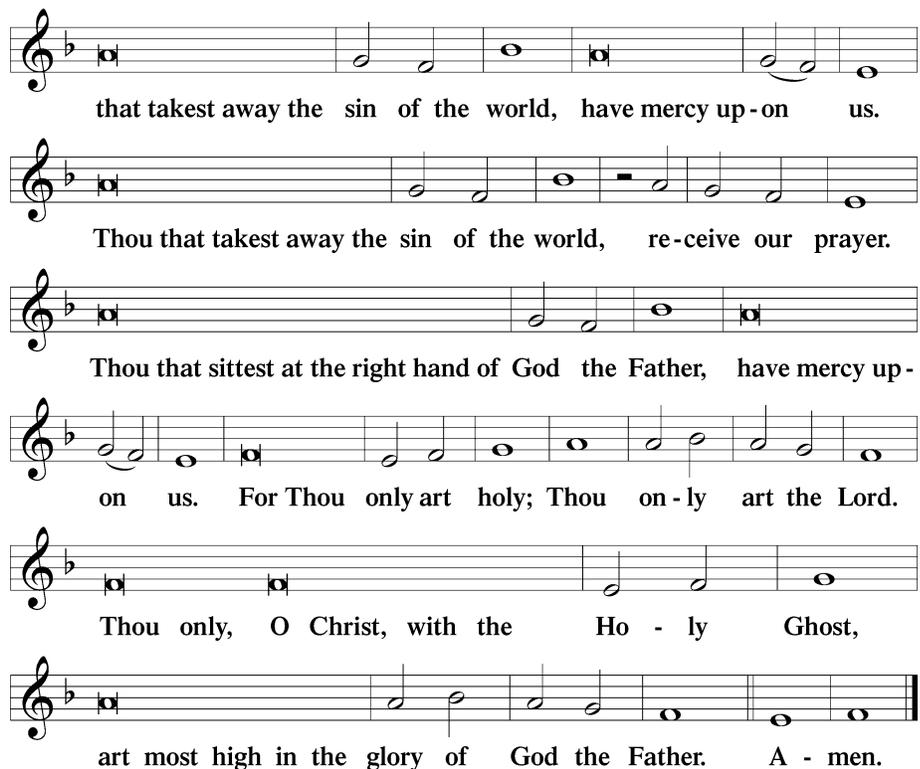
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 16:2-15

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 16.

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable | His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are | all things.*

To Him be glory forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1–16

P The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter four.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When He ascended on high He led a host of captives,
and He gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

John 6:35b



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:22–35

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”

²⁸Then they said to Him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

³⁰So they said to Him, “Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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SERMON

Rev. Doug Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1–4)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For confidence in the Lord's provision, that we would trust in the promises of God and look to His hand to provide all we need for this life and for the life to come, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who labor in the Lord's vineyard, for pastors and teachers, and for all who abide in God's Word, that God would enable all who work for His kingdom to do their work diligently and faithfully, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all Christians, that God would enable us to walk in humility, gentleness, and patience, so that we would bear with one another in love and be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the hungry and the homeless, that God provide them bread to satisfy their physical hunger and deliver to them the true bread of life, Jesus Christ, who alone can fill and satisfy every need of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the sick, the infirm, and all in any need of body or soul, that God would provide doctors and nurses and other professionals to care for those in need of health and healing, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the proper use of the Sacraments among us, that God would continue to bless His Church with the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the waters of Holy Baptism and through the true body and most precious blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

The live-stream concludes with the following:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Almighty and everlasting God, by the death and resurrection of Your Son You cleansed our hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Grant that all who are brought to newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **✠** give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn. If you desire to receive Holy Communion, please text/call Pastor (he is usually at the church for a while on Sundays).

CLOSING HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar
fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to
more; shield; Thee; Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev-er give to Thee.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

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SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Have you been to the City of El Centro Aquatic Center? If you haven't then you should! It is really, really nice! There's a lap pool, a main pool, a splash/kiddie pool, and a lazy river! And there are cabanas and lounge chairs and shade (well, there maybe could be more shade but this is El Centro, after all . . . it's hard to escape the sunshine).



Leo and I went there for his swim lessons these past two weeks and he had so much fun! Leo is a total beginner (the only "swimming" he had done before this was in our blow-up pool in the back yard).

His teacher, Iliana, was so good with him, helping him overcome the fear of getting his face wet (he still doesn't care for it) and figuring out how to get arms and legs working more-or-less together (sometimes it looked like swimming and other times it looked like the funky-chicken dance LOL!).

Sam is another matter—that kid just does NOT like water! But that didn't stop him from picking up his brother's sunglasses and looking the part!

I think we'll try to make it back to the Aquatic Center as a family (parents weren't allowed in the pool during the swim lessons so I would take copious pictures from the lounge chair and drink my ice-water and SWEAT!). The way I figure, Sam idolizes Leo, so if he sees Leo loving the water, Sam might try it! And, this time, Mom and Dad can enjoy the cool water, too!

With the prospect of taking the Divine Call to Saint Louis, Missouri, I've been taking stock of all the things that I would miss in El Centro (all of you, being a given). Pretty much ALL of our family life has happened here (yes, Leo was born in Fort Wayne but he's an El Centro kid, as is little Sam).

I was walking from the church office to our sanctuary Saturday as I did some preparatory work for today and looked over to the swings—Leo and Mom used to swing there together while Holly and he sang the ABC Song (with the slight variation of "next time won't you SWING with me"). And Sam's first time swinging was there, too. Then there is the sanctuary: Sam was baptized in our font and Leo has grown up so much that now he helps me light and extinguish the candles and helps me clean up our communion-ware on Sundays.

No matter which way the Holy Spirit leads us, the experience is making me take stock of all the blessings that the Lord has showered on me and my family here at Grace over the past five years. And I suppose that fits a little bit with the Old Testament reading: learning to recognize and appreciate God's great gifts in all times and places.

I hope that you'll make time to join me for our **study of the Psalms every Tuesday at Noon on "Zoom."** This week we'll be **studying Psalm 51**. Then tune-in or come for our **prayer service on Wednesday at 7:00pm.**

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join by phone, call either "669-900-9128" or "346-248-7799" and enter 7603525715#
- The password for computer and telephone is "12345"

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box: Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus, +Pastor Griebenaw

