



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

August 10-12, 2024 – 12th Weekend after Pentecost

John 6:24-35

I am the Bread of Life.

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.

**Verse 24:** What amazing miracle had Jesus performed the day before?

The people followed him for more!

**Verses 25-26:** Jesus' miracles whether to an individual or to a group pointed to some very important facts. What did his miracles prove?

They missed these important facts. Do people still today miss the important facts of God's Word and Jesus' miracles?

**Verse 27:** As Jesus speaks to the crowd he seems to use a similar tactic with them as he used with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). He brings them from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is the only way to eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important for the Jews in that audience and for us today that God the Father put his seal of approval on Jesus?

What words or actions showed he approved of his Son?

**Verse 28:** Jesus said he would give them eternal life. Why do we always think God's approval and heaven are something we still must earn?

Why can't we earn it?

**Verse 29:** It is not their work, but God's work! God creates \_\_\_\_\_ in human hearts to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Son who gives them eternal life.

**Verse 30-31:** The stubbornness of the human heart comes out. What do they want from Jesus who just fed 5000 men with a few loaves and fish?

**Verse 32-34:** They wanted to speak only in worldly terms like the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus shows them that he himself, God in the flesh, is the greatest miracle they will see. He's not just for the people of Israel for forty years in the wilderness, but for the world! How does their response "Give us this bread" show they were still not getting (similar to the woman at the well)?

**Verse 35:** Jesus connects the dots for them bringing them from literal bread and water to spiritual and eternal saying "*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.*" In Jesus we have everything for life now and eternally. Through the God-given gift of believing in Jesus what blessings do you have from God?

Prayer: CW 862 stanza 1 – "Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done." Amen.