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LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

JESUS, THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Text: John 6:22-71

Key Verse: *"I am the bread of life." John 6:48*

Biblical Background: Since creation, God has provided people with food. Israel remembers to this day the times God fed them with manna in the desert where they had no food, and no hope of finding any. After feeding more than 5000 people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign. Christ has given his flesh for the life of the world. He sustains us with the word of life and the bread from heaven. Through his holy supper, he comes to us so that we might find the source of our unity and follow him in the way of sacrificial love. Though we experience frustration or despair, we know that God is ever eager to nourish us back to life. We need only come to the table and receive the gift of life.

Sermon Reflections

Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

What is your favorite kind of bread?

How is this section connected to the previous sections in chapter 6?

What did the crowd want Jesus to do so they could believe (verse 30)? How is this ironic in light of what they experienced in verses 1-14?

Why do you think Jesus used bread as a metaphor and not some other food?

What must we do to receive eternal life (verse 47)?

What is the connection between Jesus the "bread of life" and Holy Communion?

How do you think Jesus felt about those who were turning away (verse 66)? How do you think Jesus felt about what Peter said in verses 68 and 69?

Faith Spark

Stop in Fellowship Hall today and enjoy a freshly baked bun. Remember that while the tasty treat satisfies our physical hunger, only Jesus, the Bread of Life, will satisfy our spiritual hunger. Say this quick prayer, "God, thank you for sending us the gifts of bread and the Bread of Life to satisfy both our physical and spiritual hungers. Amen."

To read for Dec. 31/Jan. 1: John 7:1-53

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye?
What effect do these words have on you personally?