

in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*Closing Hymn #624 "Bread of the World"

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead;

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be thy feast to us the token  
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Allegro Vivace"

Handel

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Introduction and Allegro" - Handel (c. 2001 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - arr. Curtis (c. 2005 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

"Room at the Table" Stewart/Lantz (c)2013 Beckenhorst Press

"Allegro Vivace" - Handel (c. 1982 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

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Wednesday Nite Café August 18th Menu

Country Fried Steak & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
English Peas, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Pricing

\$7/Adult  
\$5/Child (12 & under)  
\$20 Household

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers  
**Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of  
crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Bible Reading for August 22

John 6:56-69: "Soul Food"

Discussion Questions

• In this last reading from John 6, some of the disciples tell Jesus that the teachings he offers are hard to accept. Why might they have said this? In your life, have you ever thought this about what God was asking of you? If you check out the reading from Joshua, you will see one example of someone working out how they will respond to God. The disciples offer another example at the end of the reading from John. Do either resonate with you?

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.

August Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559  
Received August 8 \$10,890  
Needed for August \$62,235  
Received for August \$27,965

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 153  
Online: 73



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, August 15

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213),  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Youth

Tuesday, August 17

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym  
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
2:30 PM Prayer Team, L  
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, August 18

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym  
5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café  
6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming

Thursday, August 19

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ  
9:00 AM Bible Study-L

Friday, August 20

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym  
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

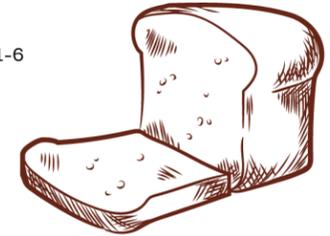
CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall, S- Sanctuary  
L - Library, JJ-Java Jaay

Central's mission:

Love God  
Love others  
Serve the world

# you are what you eat

JOHN 6:51-58  
PROVERBS 9:1-6



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

**He came that we might know of God's absolute, steadfast love for us.**

Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

**We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us this magnificent gift.**

Come, let us worship and rejoice!

**Let us sing our praises to God. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #61 "Come Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

\*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

Greeting

\*Hymn #616 "Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.

Do not begin to make excuse; ah!  
Do not you his grace refuse;  
Your worldly cares and pleasures leave,  
and take what Jesus hath to give.

Come and partake the gospel feast,  
Be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;  
O taste the goodness of our God,  
and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

See him set forth before your eyes;  
Behold the bleeding sacrifice;  
His offered love make haste to embrace,  
And freely now be saved by grace.

Ye who believe his record true  
Shall sup with him and he with you;  
Come to the feast, be saved from sin,  
For Jesus waits to take you in.

Special Music "Room at the Table"

*Stewart/Lantz*

Bible Reading — John 6:51-58, Proverb 9:1-6

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**  
**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,**  
**we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.  
This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

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. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Proverb 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars.

She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city,

"Let all who are simple come to my house!"

To those who have no sense she says, "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.

Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight."

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — "You Are What You Eat"

Rev. Miriam Smith

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer—

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*We give thanks for God's creation and deliverance, concluding:*

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.*

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*We give thanks for God's presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:*

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the confidence of God's children, we are bold to pray together:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

\*Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery**

**in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world**