

Pastor Brian's
Mid Week Message
Wednesday November 14, 2018

JESUS FEEDS HIS PEOPLE

We Lutherans are known for our love...including our love of eating. This certainly applies to this congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church of Southwest Florida. We are going to be doing just that, eating, this evening as our November Fellowship Dinner features a Thanksgiving feast. I can already smell the turkey, and the sanctuary has taken on the look of a 5 star restaurant. Eating is of the utmost importance for all people. If we don't eat we die; both physically and spiritually. At the time of our Baptism God gives us new birth; breathing His Spirit into us and giving life eternal. In order to sustain this new life it is essential to be continually fed, and Jesus freely offers all that we need in the Holy Supper of His body and blood. The food and drink of our mortal existence; the bread and the wine, are joined with the food that sustains our immortality; His very body and blood. If we cut ourselves off from this wonderful gift we are placing ourselves in danger of losing that eternal life. People often ask me "will we eat in heaven?" My usual reply is "of course, if we don't get to eat how can it be paradise?" Actually, the Book of Revelation, as well as the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah speak of a banquet that never ends which is for all God's children; the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. We will feast on the finest of food and aged wine. That's all the evidence that I need! The Lord's Supper is to us a foretaste of this feast to come, which nourishes and sustains us on our earthly journey to our heavenly home.