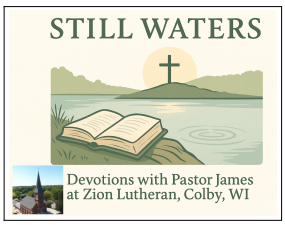
Date: June 28, 2026
Suggested Reading: John 6:35-44
Text: John 6:55
My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.



More Than Bread and Wine

Many things in life look ordinary but carry great value. A simple wedding ring may appear to be a small piece of metal, yet it carries promises, memories, and a lifelong commitment. A family Bible may be nothing more than paper and ink, yet it becomes a treasured reminder of God's faithfulness through generations.

When we look at the Lord's Supper, we may be tempted to focus only on what we can see. We see bread. We see wine. Human reason asks, “How can these things do such great things?” By themselves, they can’t. Bread remains bread. Wine remains wine. If we trust only what we can understand or explain, we will always struggle with God's gifts.

The Law reveals our problem. We often place ourselves above God's Word. We want God to prove Himself according to our standards. We want faith to fit neatly inside our understanding.

The Gospel gives us comfort. Jesus does not ask us to trust bread and wine. He asks us to trust Him. His Word makes the difference. The same Lord who said, “Let there be light,” and created the world now says, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” His Word never returns empty. In the Sacrament, Christ truly gives what He promises: forgiveness, life, and salvation.

When we come to the altar, we come not trusting our understanding, but trusting our Savior. His promise is sure, and His gifts are real.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus, strengthen our faith to trust Your promises even when we cannot fully understand Your ways. Grant that we may receive Your gifts with thankful hearts and confident faith. Amen.

Thought for the Day:
God's gifts are not powerful because we understand them. They are powerful because Jesus speaks His promise and always keeps His Word.

Hymn: LSB 622 — Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

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