



## Theme interpretation: Eat this bread



for the 2025 Advent Offering

*Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.” ~John 6:35, NIV*

Eating bread is an experience that stretches around the world and throughout history. Many of us partake of bread at least once a day in some form. It nourishes our bodies and provides energy for work and play. Just as we depend on bread for our physical nourishment, so also do we depend on Jesus for our spiritual wellbeing.

We believe Jesus is “the bread of life.” We pray in earnest, “Give us this day our daily bread,” believing the provision of God will refresh us physically and spiritually each day.

As we participate in communion, it is not just a ritual of remembrance—it is an invitation into another way of living. As we partake of the ways of Jesus, we see transformation in ourselves and in the world. This bread is surely meant as a blessing to those who are physically hungry, but it is a spiritual blessing for all of us. This bread is for you. This bread is for me. This bread is for everyone who has ever been or will ever be.

This year’s Advent Offering is an opportunity to pause and reflect on how we embody the ways of Jesus together. This special offering supports the faith-building and life-changing core mission and ministry of the Church of the Brethren. Just like the bread on our tables, we offer what we have for the physical and spiritual wellbeing of others. Together we extend generosity and witness through engaging our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing the holistic peace of Jesus Christ. Together we continue the work of Jesus in the neighborhood.

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