

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **Amazing Grace**

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Amazing Grace!-How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God,

C: eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness of Sin. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

(Read Responsively)

²³So God commanded the ^l clouds above
and opened the ^l doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon ^l them to eat
and giving them ^l grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the ^l bread of angels;
God provided for them ^l food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow ^l in the heavens
and powerfully led out ^l the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon ^l them like dust
and flying birds like the sand ^l of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst ¹ of the camp
and round a- ¹ bout the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and ¹ were well filled,
for God gave them ¹ what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

In the first three chapters of Ephesians, Paul declares that, through grace, Christ has reconciled all people to God and to each other. Now, he traces the specific consequences of this reconciliation for Christian communities that are diverse in their unity.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Bread of Life From Heaven"
(Verses 2, 3, & 4)*

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God, teach us to labor for your work, not for the perishable things we crave. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, guide us to join you in the mending of land and sky, air and water, this creation you called good. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Shepherding God, lead us in ways of justice; turn all leaders and governments to your path of peace. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healing God, be present in the nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals to touch the sick and suffering with your healing power. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Triune God, bless our relationships at home, at work, at school, play that our relating reflects your life-giving ways. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you gift and nourish your people, equipping them for your work in this world. Sustain the ministry of this congregation and of all gatherings of your people. We pray especially for the congregations of the Falun-Salemborg Parish, Peace in New Cambria, and Concordia Lutheran in Concordia, Kansas. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: We give thanks for the lives of those who have died. Lift up those who grieve, and bring us all to your eternal rest. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Holy God,
C: you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.
Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
 P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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.

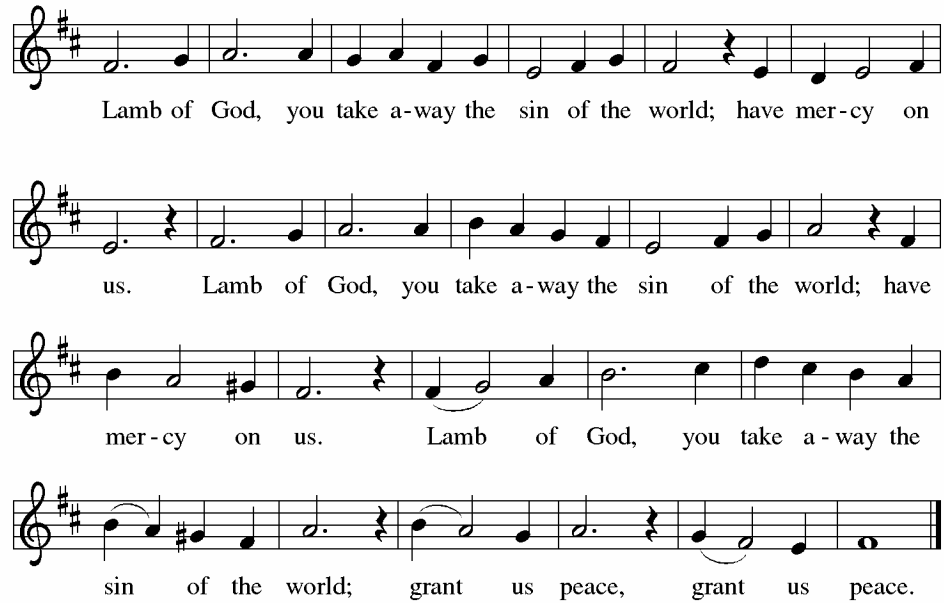
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “*One Bread, One Body*”
 “*Eat This Bread*”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

50 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is calling ELCA Members to read and reflect on the daily lectionary passages for the week of the Churchwide Assembly (August 17-22). This week, please read Acts 2:42-47 and Luke 20:45-21:4. Consider the questions: How is your congregation similar and dissimilar from the one described in Acts? What might being there in season and out of season look and feel like for you? Who has unexpectedly shown you the grace of God that brings life? In what unexpected places have you found a wealth of faith, generosity, and service? The hymns “*Take My Life That I May Be*” and “*This Little Light of Mine*” may further your reflection. Prayer for the Week: O God, you show forth your mighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasure that comes through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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