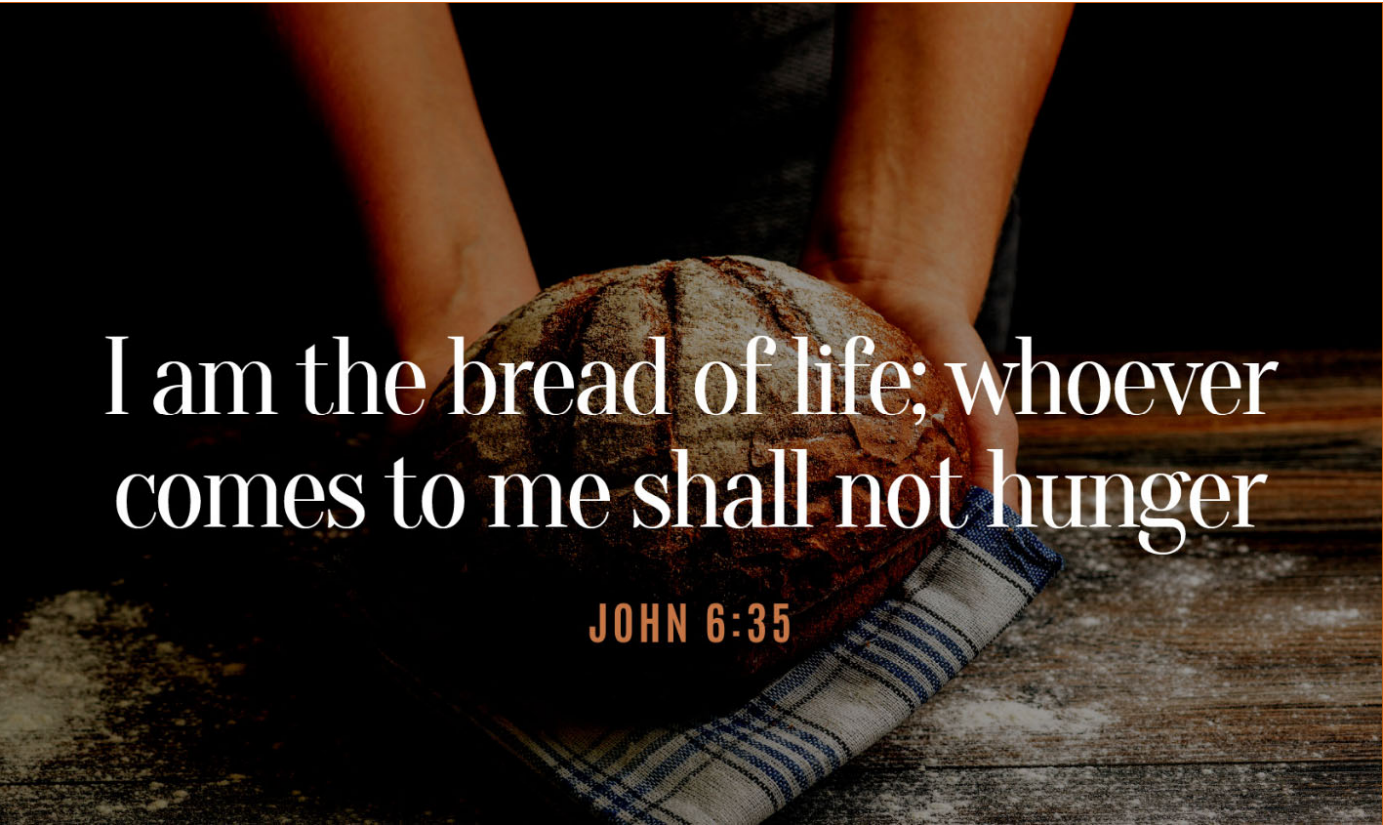


11th Sunday after Pentecost



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I am the bread of life; whoever
comes to me shall not hunger

JOHN 6:35

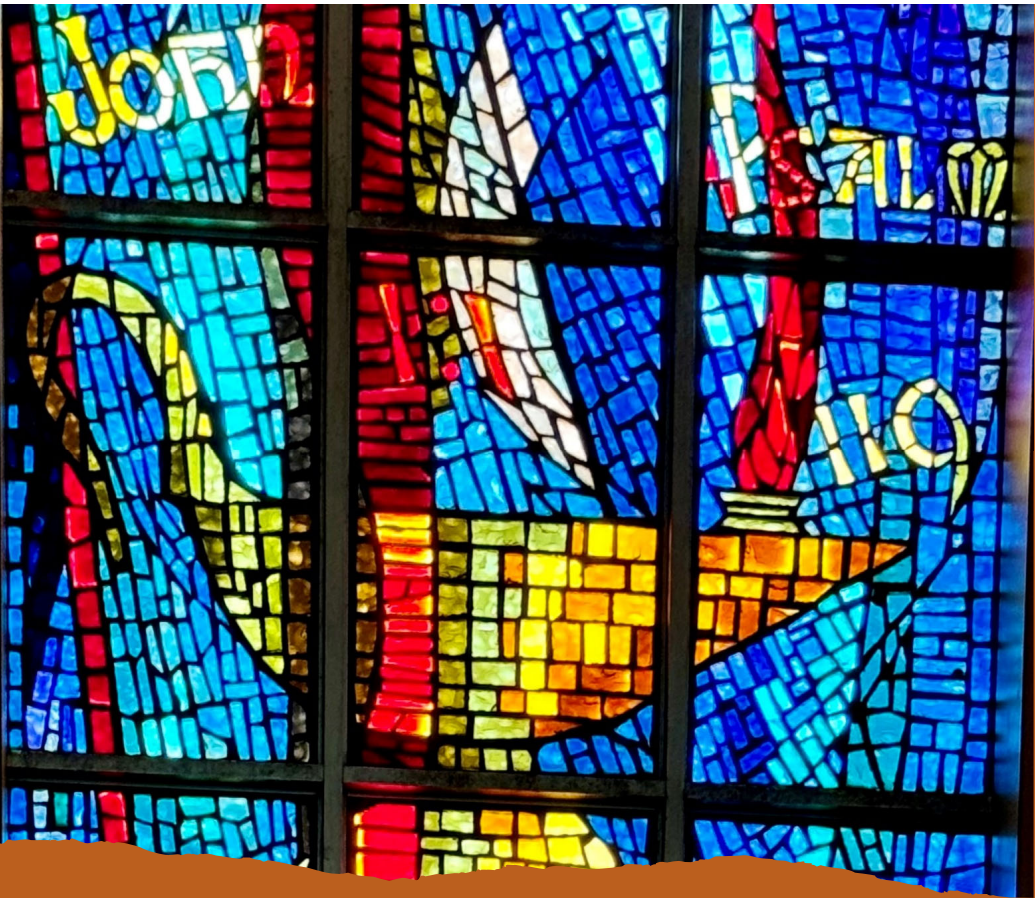
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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

Gathering Song

“All Are Welcome”

Hymn # 641

**¹ Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,**

Hymn # 641

**a place where
saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

Hymn # 641

**Built of hopes and dreams
and visions,
rock of faith and vault of
grace;**

Hymn # 641

**here the love of Christ shall
end divisions:
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**2 Let us build a house where
prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,**

Hymn # 641

**where all God's children dare
to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**

Hymn # 641

**Here the cross shall stand as
witness
and a symbol of God's grace;**

Hymn # 641

**here as one we claim the faith
of Jesus:**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**3 Let us build a house where
love is found
in water, wine and wheat:**

Hymn # 641

**a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.**

Hymn # 641

**Here the love of God, through
Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;**

Hymn # 641

**as we share in Christ the feast
that frees us:**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**4 Let us build a house where
hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone**

Hymn # 641

**to heal and strengthen, serve
and teach, and live the Word
they've known.**

Hymn # 641

**Here the outcast and the
stranger
bear the image of God's face;**

Hymn # 641

**let us bring an end to fear and
danger.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

**Final Let us build a house where
all are named,
their songs and visions heard**

Hymn # 641

**and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

Hymn # 641

**Built of tears and cries and
laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of
grace,**

Hymn # 641

**let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 641

[Refrain]

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Hymn # 641

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the lord*

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
A-men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.***

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

***Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all
creation:***

***Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

***For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, 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.

WORD

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

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 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."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 78:23-29

*God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.
(Ps. 78:24, 25)*

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

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

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

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

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

***28 letting them fall in the midst of the
camp
and round about the dwellings.***

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹I 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to who shall we go?

***You have the words
of eternal Life.***

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 6:24-35

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.

²⁴When 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

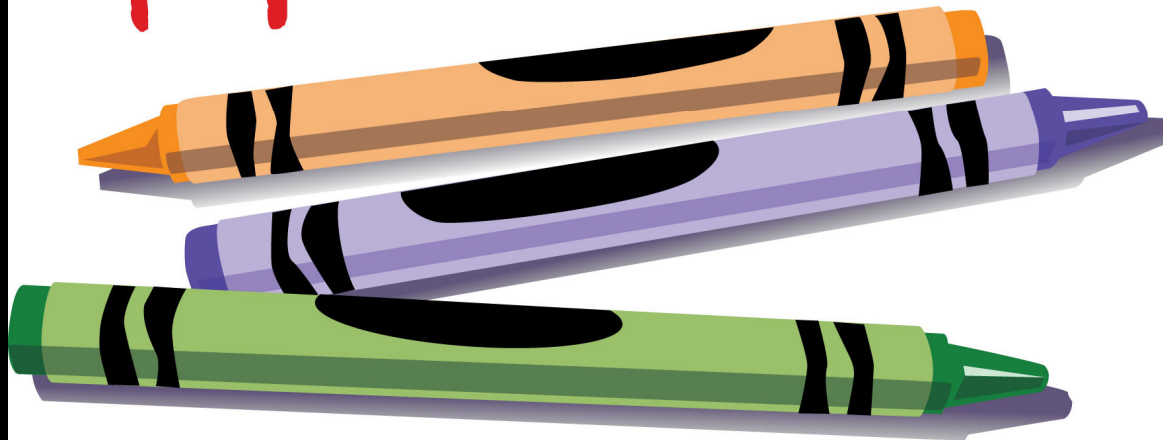
wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

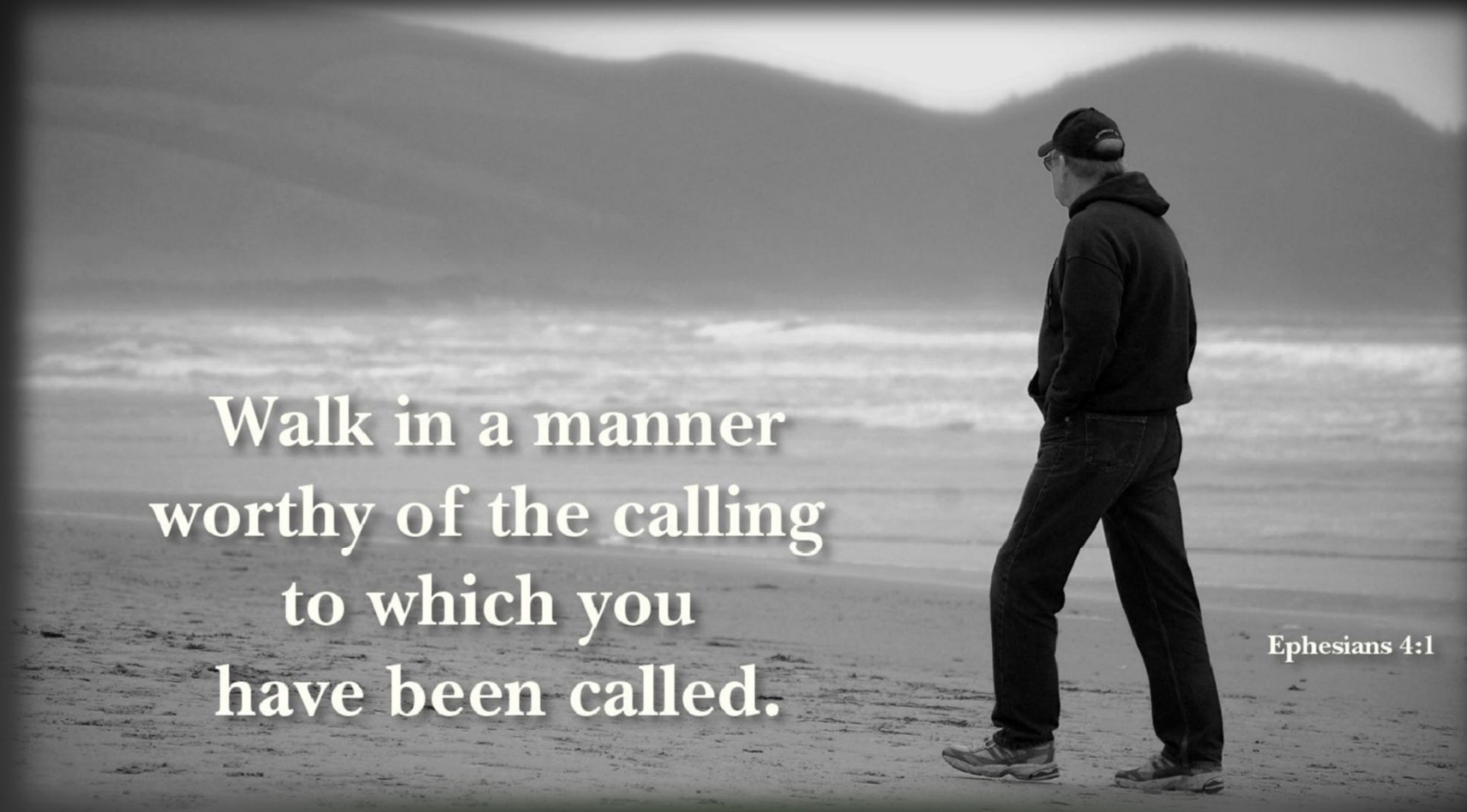
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message



Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

A black and white photograph of a man walking on a beach. He is wearing a dark hoodie, dark pants, and a baseball cap. He is looking out towards the ocean. In the background, there are mountains and waves breaking on the shore. The scene is framed by a dark border.

Walk in a manner
worthy of the calling
to which you
have been called.

Ephesians 4:1

Hymn of the Day

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

**¹ Break now the bread of
Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones
gather round.**

Hymn # 474

**Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves
will abound.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

**2 Seek not the food that will
pass away;
set your hearts on the food
that endures.**

Hymn # 474

**Come, learn the true and the
living way,
that the fullness of life may
be yours.**

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

**3 Love as the one who, in
love for you,
gave himself for the life of
the world.**

Hymn # 474

**Come to the one who is food
for you,
that your hunger and thirst
be no more.**

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

**4 Dwell in the one who now
dwells in you;
make your home in the
life-giving Word.**

Hymn # 474

**Know only Christ, Holy One
of God,
and believe in the truth you
have heard.**

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

**Final Drink of this cup and
declare his death;
eat this bread and believe
Easter morn;**

Hymn # 474

**trust his return and, with
ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you
are reborn.**

Hymn # 474

[Refrain]

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this
cup until you come again.**

Hymn # 474

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and church leaders. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to those in despair and console all who are ill (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries; for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Darius and Jaycee in Central Asia serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at St. John Lutheran Church in Dime Box, Texas and Desert Hope Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of Truth, we thank you for your ongoing reformation activity in the church. Continue to lead your people to return to faithfulness. We pray for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and ask that you guide the missional leadership of our association staff ministers: Mike Bradley, Christian Huntley, and Julie Smith. We also celebrate and lift before you the ministry of Holy Cross in Yoakum, Texas and their pastor, Alsen Wenzel. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you
And also with You*

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our
joy...

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

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line
and at the altar rail.*

Lamb of God

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Hymn # 815

**1 I want to walk as a child of
the light.
I want to follow Jesus.**

Hymn # 815

**God set the stars to give
light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Hymn # 815

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

**The night and the day are both
alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city
of God.**

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Hymn # 815

**2 I want to see the brightness of
God.
I want to look at Jesus.**

Hymn # 815

**Clear sun of righteousness,
shine on my path, and show
me the way to the Father.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 815

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both
alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city
of God.**

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Hymn # 815

**Final I'm looking for the coming of
Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.**

Hymn # 815

**When we have run with
patience the race,
we shall know the joy of
Jesus.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 815

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

**The night and the day are both
alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city
of God.**

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Hymn # 815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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