

**I am
the bread of life**

JOHN 6:35



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 3, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 4, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

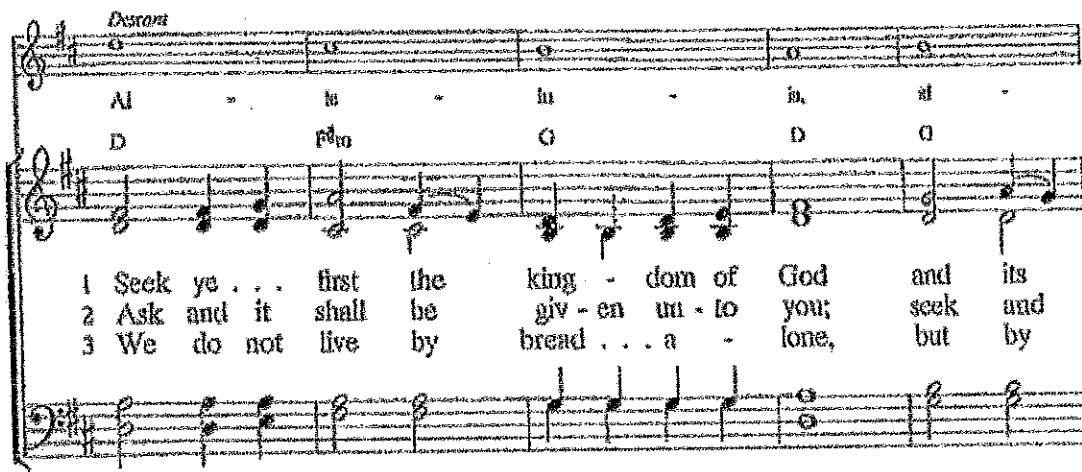
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Seek Ye First"*

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Descant



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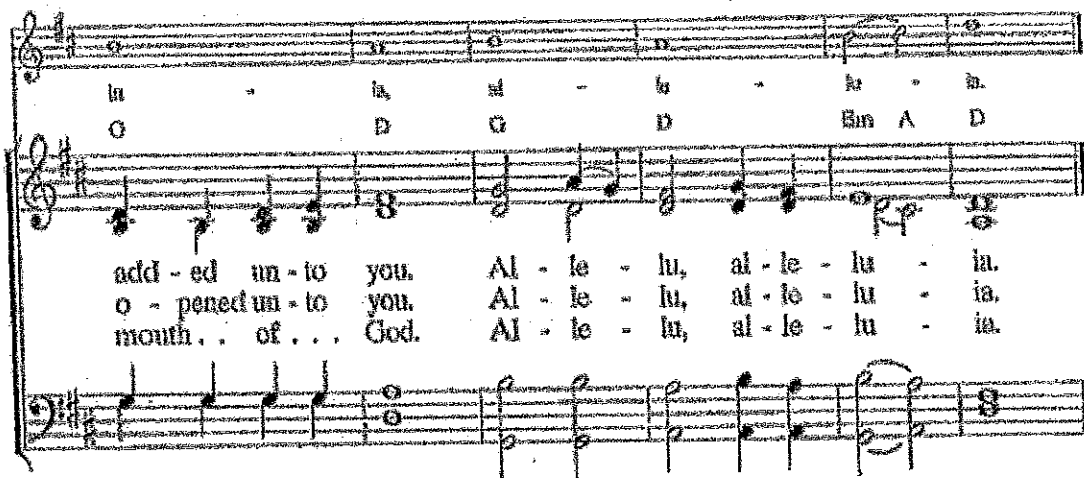
1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by



le - in - la, al - le

D Bm A7 D F#m

righteousness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
every word that proceeds from the



lu - la, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Bm A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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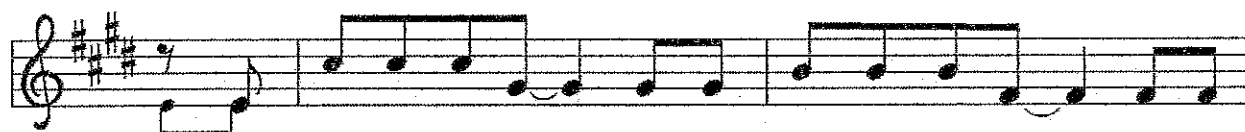
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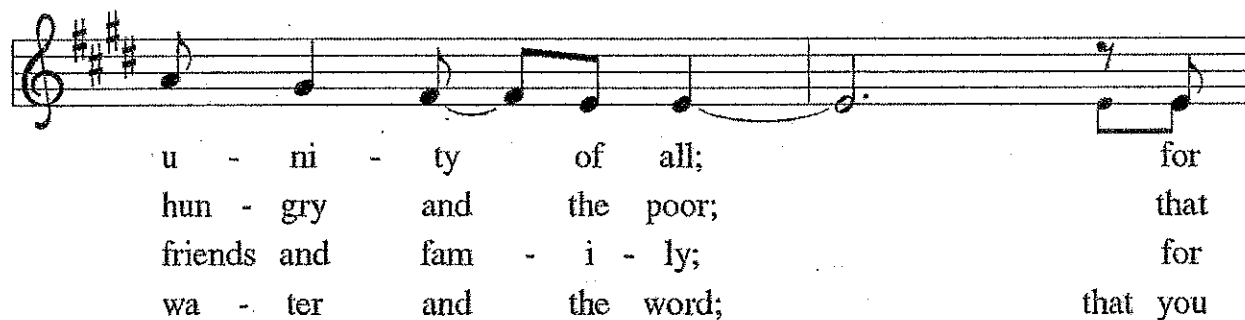
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

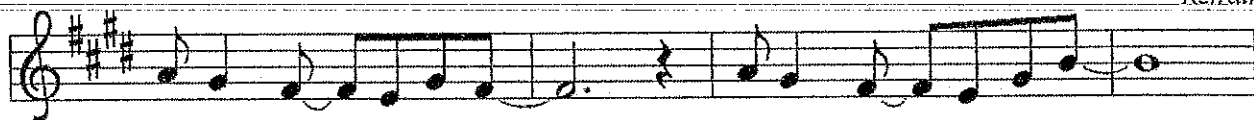
And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





let us pray to the Lord,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from First Kings.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



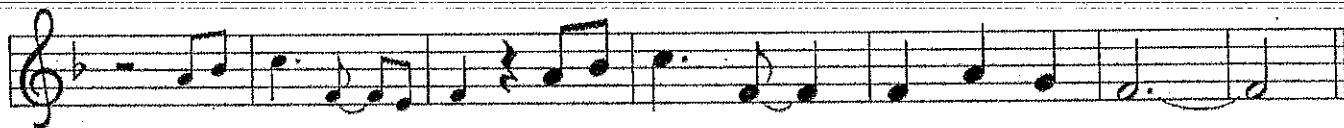
Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW #542

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE 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:

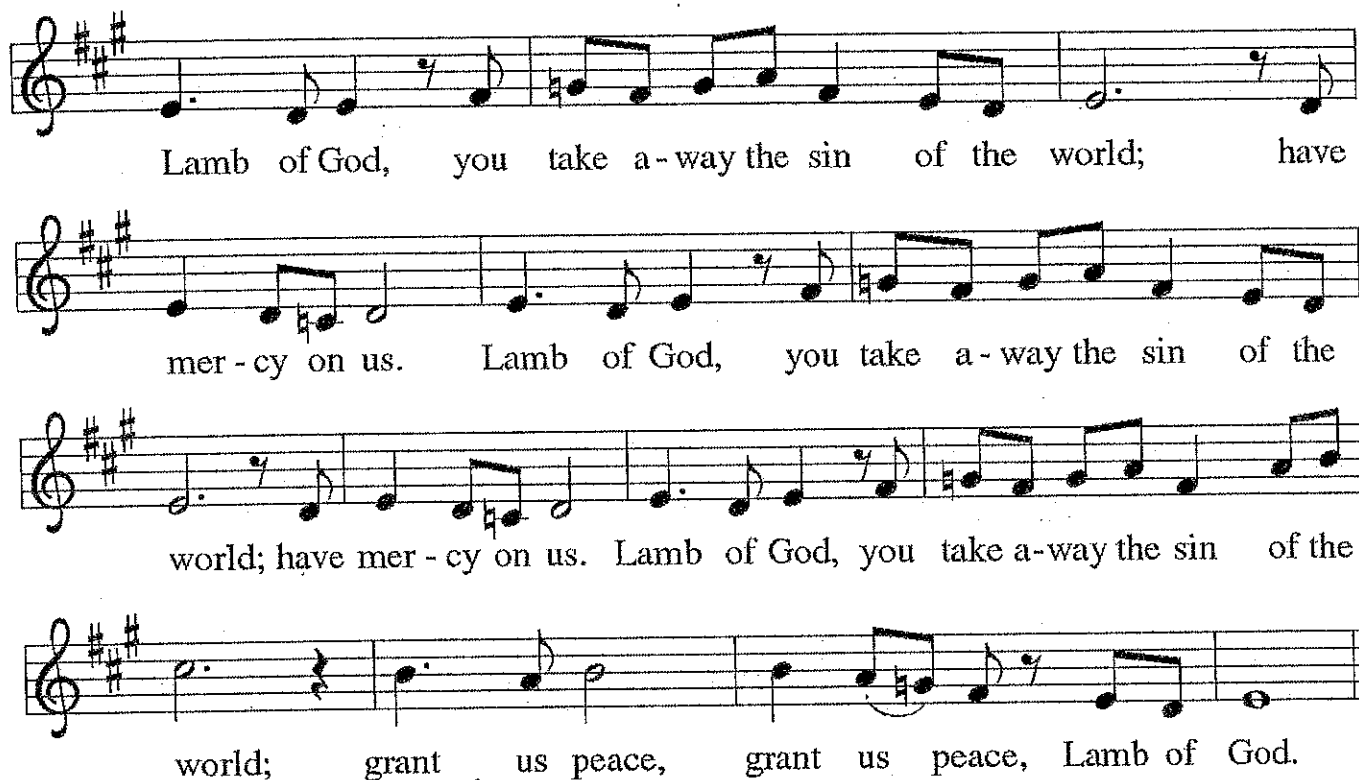
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



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, Lamb of God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

***Saturday**, the ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.*

***Sunday**, communion will be distributed at the rail. Please come forward by the center aisle and go to the right side of the rail. Receive the wafer and the wine (lighter color in the outer rings) or grape juice (darker color in the inner rings) and pause a moment before returning to your seat by the side aisle. Communion will be continuous, so as a*

space opens up, please fill that space. Gluten-free waters are available in the small gold dish on the paten.

There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as you return to your seat.

**COMMUNION HYMNS “Let Us Break Bread Together”
“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”***

ELW #471

ELW #494

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is - es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, $\dagger$ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW #535

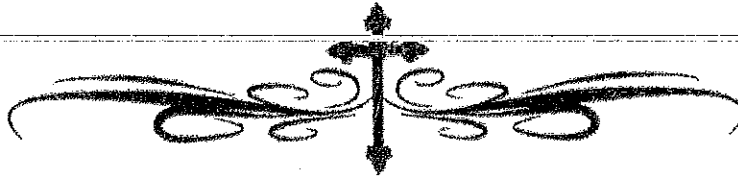
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



The favorite hymns we are using in worship this weekend are our Gathering Hymn, *Seek Ye First*, and our second communion hymn, *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*. Nina Looney chose *Seek Ye First* because it brings her comfort. Neal Becker chose *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*, writing, “I always enjoyed singing this particular communion hymn back home, mainly because it had good parts to sing.”



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Gary & Joni King
Reader	Sue Braack
Communion Assistant	Joni King
Counters	Dave & Betty Griffin

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Kenny & Sue Oetzmman
Reader	Kelly Penning
Communion Assistant	Lynda Miller
Counters	Kristy Looney & Carol Roe

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich



Jesus, Living Bread

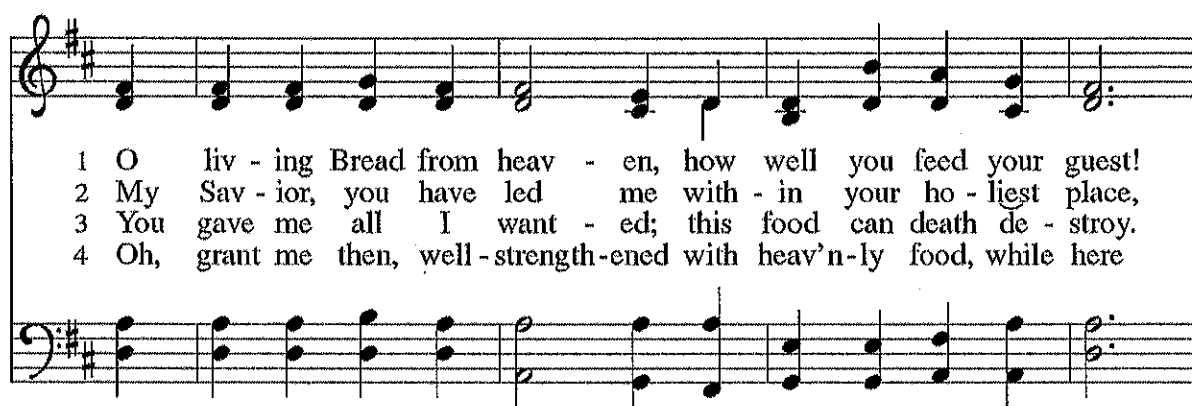
What is meant by “living bread”?

When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, God gave them manna from heaven to sustain them on their way. They had to collect this manna every day and could not harvest more than one day’s portion, except to prepare for the sabbath, because if they did, the manna would go bad. That is the fate of everything that is not living: cars rust, food molds, even still water stagnates. But to be living is to find renewal over and over and over again. One of the defining characteristics of life is the ability to be renewed.

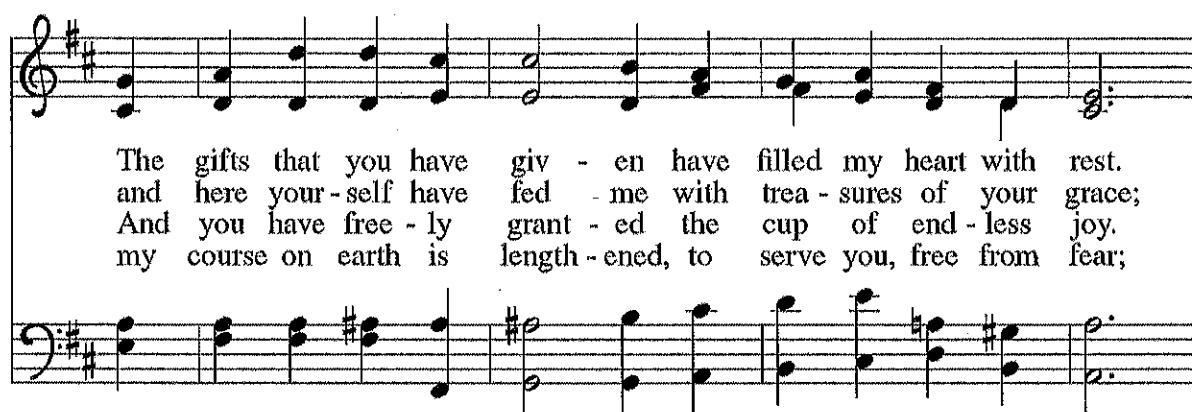
By proclaiming “I am the living bread,” Jesus reminds us this week that he is the embodiment of God’s sustaining presence. Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection we are brought into a covenantal relationship with God that has been established for all time. In the sacrament of communion we are brought to Christ’s table to be renewed again and again and again.

God’s renewal also comes to us throughout our daily lives. God’s redeeming love for us is often most present at the edge of our sin and brokenness, where we are most in need of healing and redemption. God’s redeeming love is present every time we find reconciliation with a loved one or forgive one another. Anywhere we experience healing and wholeness in our daily lives, God’s renewal is present, and we are reminded of the renewal we receive through the sacrament of the altar. Thanks be to God for providing us with the living bread that is Jesus, through whom we find renewal and peace.

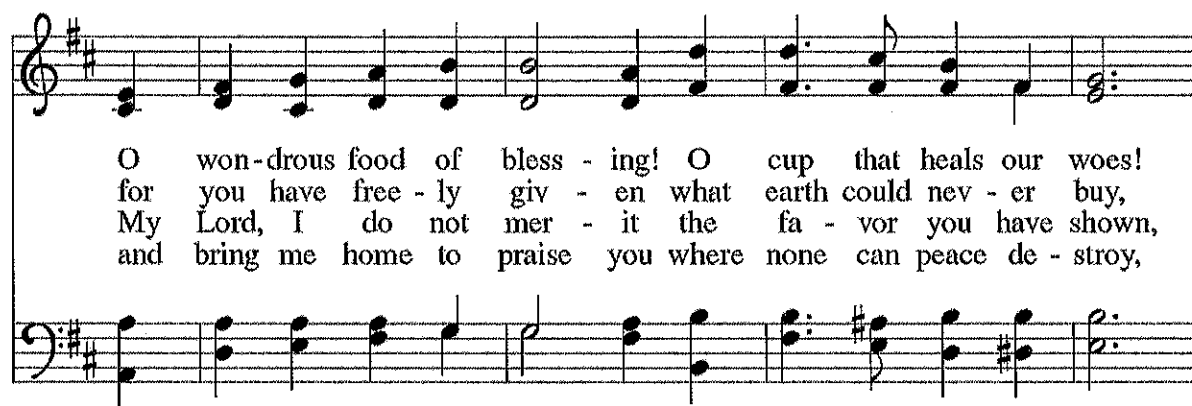
O Living Bread from Heaven



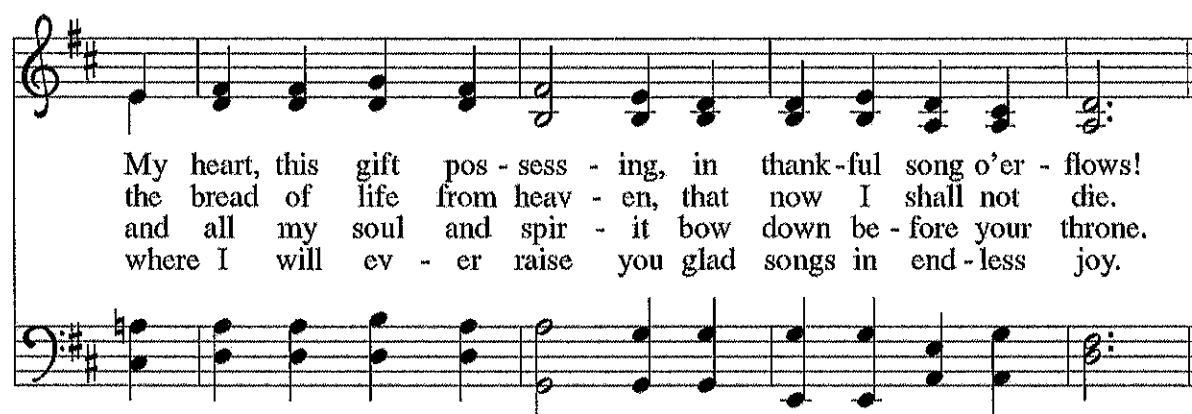
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed - me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895

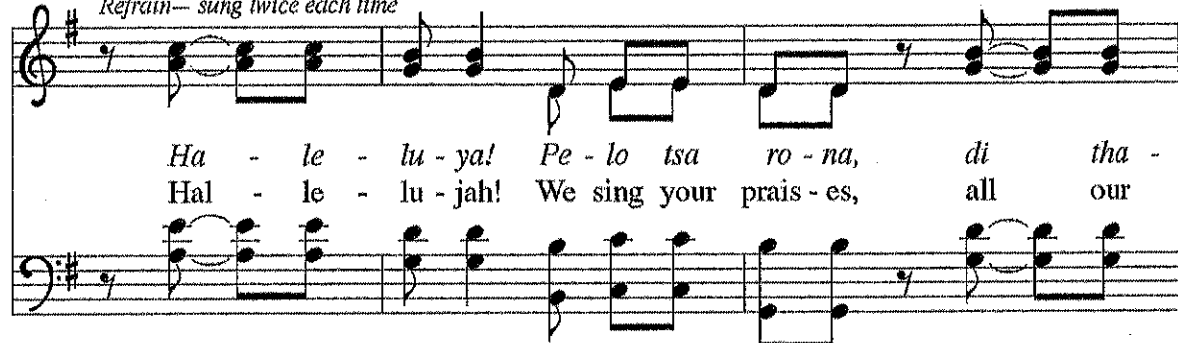
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Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

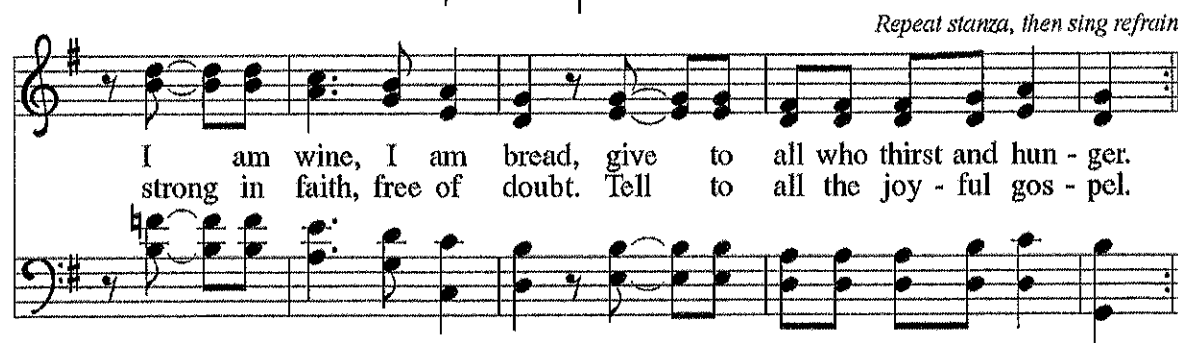


ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



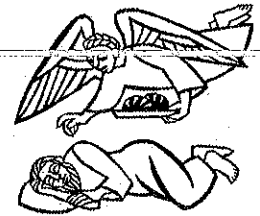
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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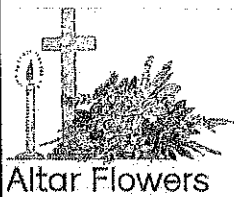
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10 & 11, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The flowers on the altar are given by the La Plante Family in celebration of Abby's 17th baptism birthday.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Jim Schneider	Marilyn
Ann Kuehl	Gary Oerman	Kelly
Kathy Stoltz	Kat Franks	Shawn
Steve Mixdorf	Ed Stoltz	Tim
Henry Storjohann	Kim Pierce	Joyce
Dan Anderson	Barb Conklen	James
Maisie Knutsen	Ed Precht	



If you are interested in sharing your time and talent in a musical way during August, at either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning worship service, we'd love to hear you! Contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, at susan.becker1995@gmail.com, or (563) 386-2896 to schedule a time. Thank you in advance for enriching our worship!

SOLES4 SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

Faith is collecting new and gently worn shoes for the Eldridge Lion's Club for the Soles4Souls program. You may donate all styles, types and sizes of shoes, as long as they are gently worn. They even take mismatched singles! The donation collection will run August 12th through September 11th. More information about this program can be found at soles4souls.org.



40th + ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Fellowship Team invites those who have (or would have) celebrated 40+ years of marriage to a delicious Dinner!

Saturday, August 17th, 2024
after the 5:00 pm Church Service
Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Summer Worship Outside

Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside this summer August 18 and September 1 (weather permitting).



Blessing of the keys

High School Faith Milestone—Blessing of the Keys

As our children begin high school, there are many milestones that they will begin to come across. One of those milestones is learning to drive, from getting the permit to driver's ed to getting a license. We would like to help these youth and parents to mark that milestone in worship with a "Blessing of the Keys". On **Sunday, August 18**, during the 9:00 am worship service, we will invite any High School students who are new drivers to come forward with their parents as we pray over them and provide them with a small token to mark this time in their lives. We will also be providing each family with a sample "contract" which can help families to have conversation around proper use of the car. We hope that all of our new drivers and their families will be present for this milestone as we begin this new school year.



Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers, & School Workers

On the weekend of **August 17 and 18**, we invite all children and youth who are starting back to school to bring their backpacks to worship at 5:00 pm on Saturday or 9:00 am on Sunday. During the Children's message, we will do a blessing of backpacks to pray God's blessing on the backpacks and on the children who will wear them this year. We will then offer a blessing over the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, janitors, kitchen staff and others as they prepare to head back to school. We hope that you will join us for this celebration of the new year!

ELCA Youth Gathering Shareholder—Dinner August 18, 2024, 11:00 am

We invite all those who purchased shares for the Mission Trip to join us for a meal and to hear stories about the mission trip on Sunday, August 18, at 11:00 am. The mission trip participants will serve you a meal and will share their favorite experiences from the trip to thank you for your support. We will also be sharing stories during worship on Saturday, August 17, and Sunday, August 18, so please join us for these events! We look forward to sharing our learning and growing with you!

Confirmation and High School Youth Group Kick-Off Time

Wednesday, August 28th

The Confirmation year will Kick-Off with a pizza party for all 7th and 8th grade students and their families from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know how many from your family will be coming on our Sign-Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-50478976-confirmation>) or call the church office at 563-285-4501 by Friday, August 23.

The High School Youth Group will Kick-Off with an ice cream social for all 9th through 12th grade students and their families from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and invite friends. Please let us know how many from your family will be coming on our Sign-Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-50478977-hsyouth>) or call the church office at 563-285-4501 by Friday, August 23.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com or 641-275-1326). We look forward to seeing you at our kick-off celebrations and at our events throughout the year.

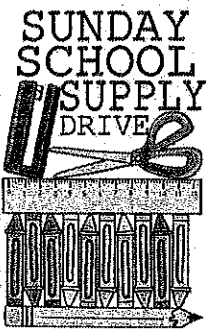


August 3 & 4: 5:00 pm: 47, 9:00 am: 63, Online: 28, Total: 138.

Saturday, August 10	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, August 11	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
Monday, August 12	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lions Club Exec. Meeting
Tuesday, August 13	10:00 am	Feed Our Children
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, August 14		
Thursday, August 15	10:00 am	Feed Our Children
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Friday, August 16	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, August 17	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
	6:00 pm	Anniversary Dinner
Sunday, August 18	9:00 am	Outdoor Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	11:00 am	Mission Trip Shareholder Dinner



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501.** For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.



School is fast approaching. That includes Sunday School. Our Sunday School teachers this upcoming year would be so grateful and appreciative if you could help build up our art supplies by making a donation to our first annual Sunday School Supply Drive. A basket located under the coat rack will gladly accept any donation you would like to make. Listed below are the supplies that are needed. Thanks so much for your help. **Glue, glue sticks, markers, assorted stickers, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, star stickers, pom poms, tissue paper squares, water color paints (the ones in the cases – less messy than the acrylic paint), paint brushes, disposable paint smocks (Amazon has them), and plain white paper plates (the cheap kind).** PLEASE NO CRAYONS OR PENCILS – WE HAVE PLENTY. Please contact Betty Strom 217-493-9329 if you have any questions. Thanks so much.