

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:1–8* (Arise and eat for your journey is great.)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat."

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⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2* ("Be imitators of God, as beloved children.")

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–51* (“The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“My God is So Great”

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
there’s nothing my God cannot do. (repeat)

The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
there’s nothing my God cannot do, for you!

(Repeat entire song)

SERMON HYMN #625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

Lord Jesus Christ, life giving bread, May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav’n, my soul’s delight, For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart’s discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

SERMON

(Rise)

OFFERTORY

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the bread of life, giving eternal life to all who come to Him. By your Holy Spirit, lead the whole Church on earth to imitate you and walk in your love as beloved children. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give strength and courage to all pastors and those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression. Hearten them by the example of Elijah and the prophets and apostles before them. Comfort them through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, through Holy Baptism you have joined the faithful together as your children, making us brothers in your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to believe that, through Christ, we belong to one another. Lead us to put away all falsehood and malice and instead to speak Christ's truth to one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Bless all marriages, that husband and wife may grow in their relationships with one another for the sake of those they serve. Be especially with Bev and Keith Baumgart as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you for being with them every step of the way in their marriage. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of love, we thank you for bringing together Kaden Hutchins and Gabbie Clement in the holy gift of Marriage. We pray that you may bless their marriage with many years of joy, laughter and blessings to those who know and love them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear our prayers for our nation. Cause us to live in harmony with one another, and free our citizens from want, suffering, danger and fear. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Show kindness to the sick including Deaconess Carole's sister, Kathi who has been put on hospice; Ralph, Carole, Wendy, June, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Ruth, Karen, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Danielle, Marlene, RoseMarie, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Vern, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Never let them be in doubt that you hear their prayers. Relieve all pain and provide for those who suffer from any kind of hardship. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless those who commune this day, that reconciled to each other in Christ's body and blood, they may rejoice to receive your forgiveness through this precious gift, be strengthened in times of doubt, and be nourished in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son to be the bread of life. Together with all the faithful who have gone before us, we give you thanks and praise. Keep us steadfast in the faith, so that when our last hour comes, we may rejoice with them at the marriage feast in His kingdom, which has no end. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #774

"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

HYMN #629**“What Is This Bread”**

What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
 O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
 O taste and see - the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
 My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
 O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul He makes us whole - Christ, truly present in this meal.
 O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
 O taste and see - the Lord is good.

HYMN # 622**“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
 It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
 As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
 For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav’n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
 And in your presence they behold your glory, all excelling,
 And though your people shall not see your glory and your majesty
 Till dawns the judgment morning,

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation;
 But you are present even now Here with your congregation.
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
 Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, your precious Word believing

That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
 This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with you,
 For you are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
 I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unailing.

Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev’ry place The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, you have given yourself to us in
 this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in your faith and favor that we may live in
 you even as you live in us. Grant that your body and blood preserve us in
 the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of your name.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Blessed Jesus, Living Bread”

Blessed Jesus, living Bread,
By Your self our souls are fed:
Give us all the eyes to see
All that You were sent to be.

Word of God by which we live:
What we hunger for You give—
For the body and the soul,
Life with God, life new and whole.

All we ever need and more,
Flowing from Your boundless store;
At Your table every guest
Sees Your mercy manifest.

We are in that crowd You fed
With Your blest, abundant Bread.
Moved by every human care,
Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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