

A close-up photograph of a stack of several slices of rustic, whole-grain bread. The bread has a golden-brown crust and a soft, porous interior. Some crumbs are scattered on the surface in front of the stack. The background is a neutral, light color.

GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS

John 6:34

Indoor Worship
Sunday, August 1, 2021

PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made to remember baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. / **C) Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. / **C) Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. / *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God...

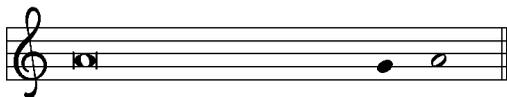
/ C)... we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. / **C) Amen.**

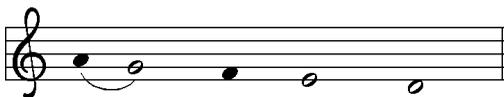
OPENING HYMN

ELW #487 / *What Feast of Love*

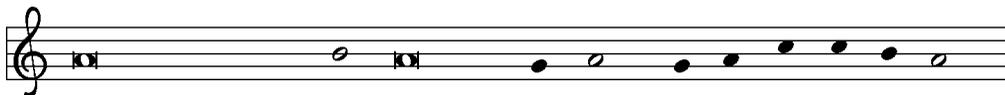
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



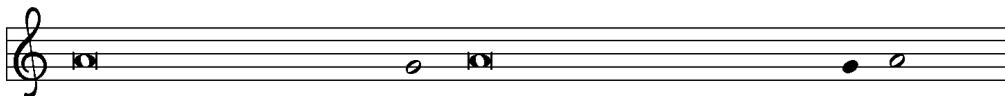
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



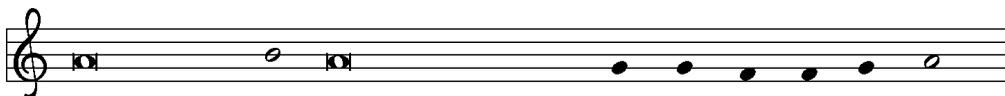
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. / **C) And also with you.**

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. / **C) Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pr. Wade Apel

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

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. / **C) Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:23-29 *(speak the Psalm responsively)*

²³So 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.**

²⁵So 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,**

²⁷raining 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.**

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

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

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. / C) **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

/ C) **Alleluia. Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35

Response after the announcement: / C) Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

Response after the reading: / C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

Pr. Wade Apel

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread” by Hal Hopson-Adult Choir

THE MISSION

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

The Lord be with you. / **C) And also with you.** Let us pray:

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. / *A brief silence.*

..... Hear us, O God. / **C) Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. / **C) Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. / **C) And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #481 / *Come to the Table*

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life... / **C) you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

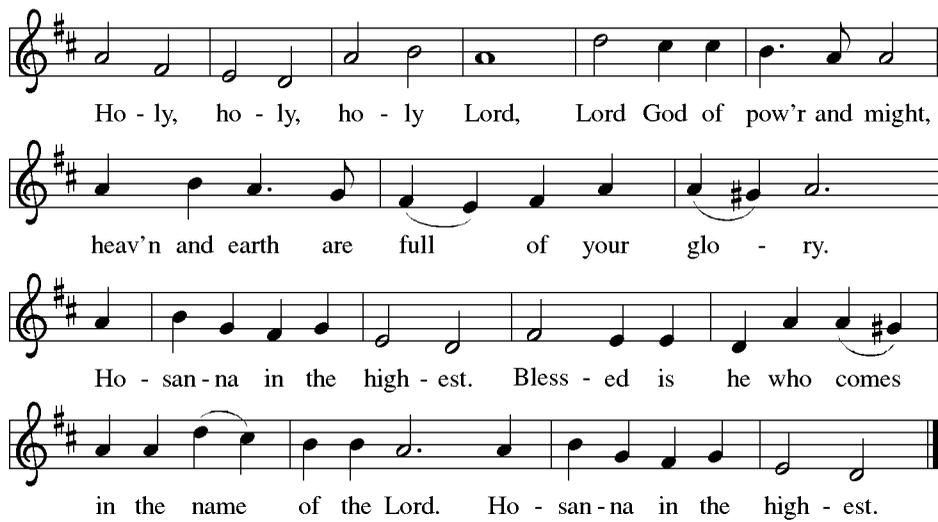
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| THE MEAL |
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **C) And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **C) We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

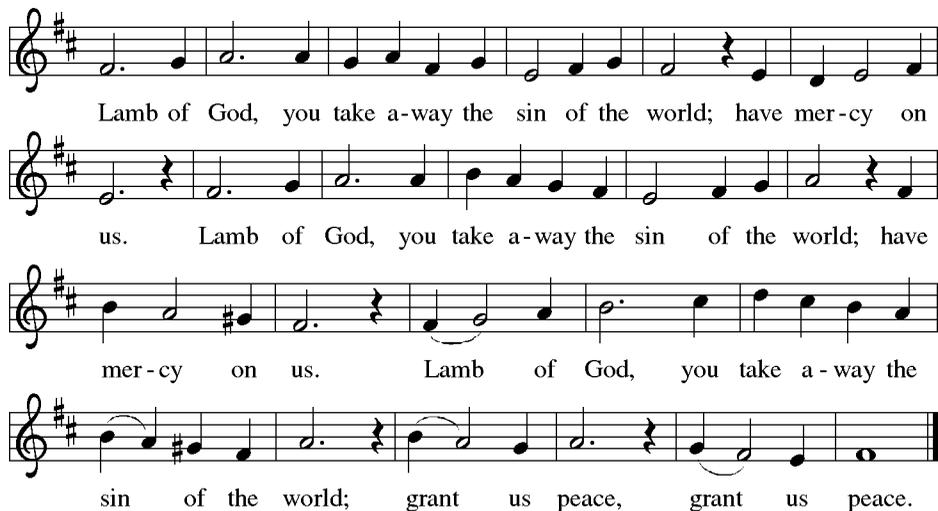


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father... / C) 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.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life...

... / C) we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. / C) Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #474 / *Bread of Life from Heaven (vs 1,3,5)*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"He Leadeth Me" by Charles Callahan

SERVANTS OF CHRIST IN OUR PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

HOSPITALIZED/RECOVERING

- **Tim Matthews**
- **Joe Thombleson**, Macy and Mitch Thombleson's grandfather
- **Ellen Pack**, friend of Joanne Powers and Vivian Matthews
- **John Carrington**, Chris Carron's friend

HEALTH CONCERNS

- **Deb Jones**
- **Mike Dooley**
- **Abby Vesga**
- **Nick Hart**, Martha Helm's nephew
- **Randy Gillespie**, Lois Gillespie's son, Lori Allen's brother
- **Marko**, friend of Alain Carron,
- **Lynne Carron**, mother of Chris Carron
- **Allison Shaw**, Michelle Cohron's friend, pregnancy challenges
- **Stephanie Hoskins**, Abby Vesga's friend

- **David Daniels**, Lauren Daniel's father-in-law
- **Raymond L**, Cindy Stone's friend, hospice
- **Mary Jo Miller**, Pat Bueltmann's cousin
- **Michael Staudinger**, the Carrons' nephew
- **Kathleen (KC) Dieck**, Pat Bueltmann's sister
- **Lois Hammitt**, Jana Stoltenberg's friend

- **Carol Heck**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Susan Rowland**, Nancy Goodsmann's sister-in-law
- **Mary Kingman**, Dave & Jackie Wright's friend
- **Mary Lu Williams**, Deb Jones' friend
- **Linda Hoss**, friend of the Gillespies & Allens
- **Sally Miksch**, George & Pat Bueltmann's daughter

SURGERY - RECOVERING/AWAITING

- **Judy Anderson**, recovering from July 13 surgery
- **Galinton Bryan**, recovering
- **Nick Walton**, Dave & Jackie Wright's grandson
- **Dana**, Kathy Bender's daughter

FACING DIFFICULTIES

- **An end to violence on the east side of Indianapolis**
- **Pastor Maritel and others**, developing a startup congregation in Indianapolis for immigrants from Haiti
- **Aaron**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Faith Stern**, George Bueltmann's sister

RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENT

- **Carin Blodgett**
- **Diana Springer**, Dave and Jackie Wrights friend
- **Aron Brown**, Joanne Van Buskirk's family
- **Shelle**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Charlotte Bueltmann**, Bueltmann's SIL
- **Loie Conrad**, Kristin Wolfred's sister
- **Tawnia Lynch**, Jim Langsford's niece
- **Linda**, Cindy Stone's friend
- **Ron Williams**, Judy Anderson's cousin
- **Jessica Brice**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Kristine**, Sharilyn Wendt's cousin
- **Charity Ellsworth**, Bueltmann's friend
- **Terry Conrad**, Deb Jones' cousin
- **Theresa Trout**, Abby Vesga's friend
- **Terri**, Do Stoltenberg's friend
- **Bruce Martin**, Deb Jones' friend
- **Janet**, friend of Bill & Jana Stoltenberg

DEATHS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Marco Alejos, Nicholas Amodeo, AJ Beckwith, Abigail Bueltmann, August Bueltmann, Josiah Freemyer, Joshua Goodsmann, Bryan Oren, Ronnie Pierson, Garrett Shaw, Tim Thombleson, Parker Ward, Zachary Williams



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Deaconess - Diane Marten

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Lori Allen, Secretary;

Judy Anderson, Tisha Nagel, Galinton Bryan,

Crystal Kindinger, Alan Shoaf, & John Sponsel

Following Christ, Sharing Hope, Loving All.

PLEASE JOIN US ...

• **For Worship ...**

We pray that our worship together will send you into your week more hopeful and ready to serve in the various callings that God has given you. We pray that God will speak to you through the Scriptures today and that you might respond by recognizing Christ at the center of your life. We invite you to join us in praising God through one of our many musical groups.

• **For Growing in Christ ...**

There are many opportunities to grow in Christ by participating in our congregation, in groups that include (for elementary-age children), Sunday School, Adult Bible study, and mission groups and committees for outreach, service, Christian education, and fellowship.

• **For Life Together ...**

Servants of Christ is a unique congregation. Our motto is: **Word-grounded / Christ-centered / Mission-minded**. We live out our lives as disciples in relationship to Jesus Christ and to one another as a caring, active body of believers. If you are looking for a church home, please consider becoming a part of our Christian family. SOC is a vibrant, mission-minded congregation; and we welcome you to become part of life of praise, fellowship, growth, and service. Speak with the Pastor or call the church for more information.

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