

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)



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Service of Holy Communion
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Setting 10) 10:00 am
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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come Down O Love Divine by Charles Callahan

Notes on today's music are at the end of the bulletin.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

*GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lisa Wackler

Today's other readings are:

Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (*Ps. 145:16*)

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling

READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

P The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Walker

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW 515

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

***APOSTLE'S 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**

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

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.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, 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. C **Amen.**

***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.**

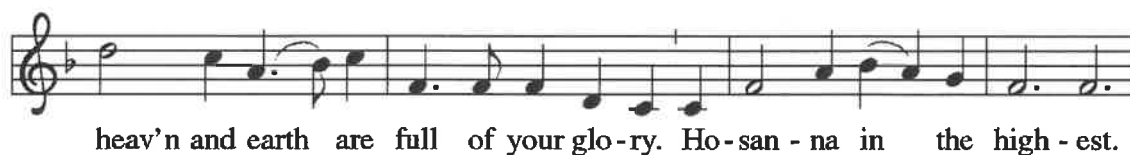
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*PREFACE

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray together the prayer Our Savior taught us:

C 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.

P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

At this time, please open the first tab to receive the bread.

P This is the body of Christ given for you.

At this time, please open the second tab to receive the wine.

P This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Jesus, Bread of life, 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.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P 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 689

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune by Edward Broughton

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Today, we pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially; For Bishop Ortiz and her father Frank upon the death of Carmen Ortiz, Rosanne and Karl Pool upon the death of Carol -Lynne Pool, Abigail, Brett and Michael Hode, Dallas Dean, Doug Luke, Marion Nau, Andre, Hannah Dahlberg, Carolyn Hill, Karen Brunn, Scott Robinson, Lisa, Donald Parker, Molly, Michael, Ryleigh Ward and her family, Benny, David Huberman, Karen, the Revana and Mahan families, Jane, Barb Pitts, Carolyn Boston, Michon, Taquina, Levi, Julie Hamlin, the Carr family, Pearl Apisson, Gillian Flory, Russell and Stephanie Thomas, Stefanie Skurcenski, Barbara Hostage, Sue Ericsson, Glenn Ralph, Betty Mastrobattista, Richard, Carolyn Denison, Bill Jackson, Grace Yin, Ralph Benson, for all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for all Christians persecuted for their faith throughout the world.

MUSIC NOTE

Today's prelude is by Charles Callahan, previously music director of Epiphany Episcopal, DC. He is a well known recitalist and composer and currently head of the Vermont Organ institute. "Come Down O Love Divine" is an English version of the ancient hymn "Veni Sancte Spiritus." This invitation to the Holy Spirit is appropriate for all sacred occasions.

The postlude "Tuba Tune" is by the English composer Edward Broughton. It is in the style of many "Trumpet Tunes" with dotted rhythms on a strong reed organ stop over a simple choral accompaniment.

Thank you to returning guest musician Tom Cowan, who is playing today while Sonja and Matt and family take vacation.