



All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Aria Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP*

P Give thanks to God!

C We thank God for joy, for laughter,

for abundant blessings of every kind.

P Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

C We thank God, when we can and as we can,

for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

P Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C We thank God that, in Christ,

our joys as well as our pain,

our losses as well as our laughter,

are in God's heart and hands.

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, 4 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,

Chelp 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.

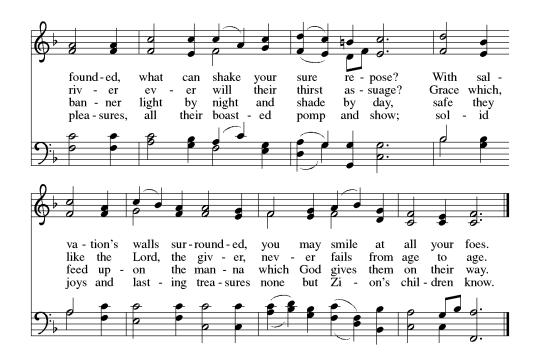
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN





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Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

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. C Amen.

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

L 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."

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 78:23-29 Spoken responsively.

L So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, C²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven. L²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;

God provided for them food enough.

C²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

L²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

C²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

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

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16

L 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;

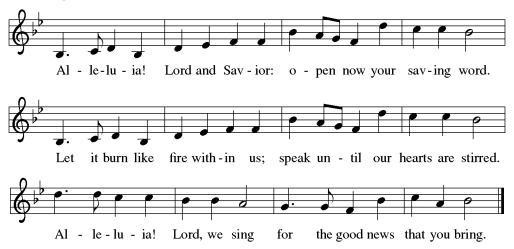
he gave gifts to his people."

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.

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL John 6:24-35

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P 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.

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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

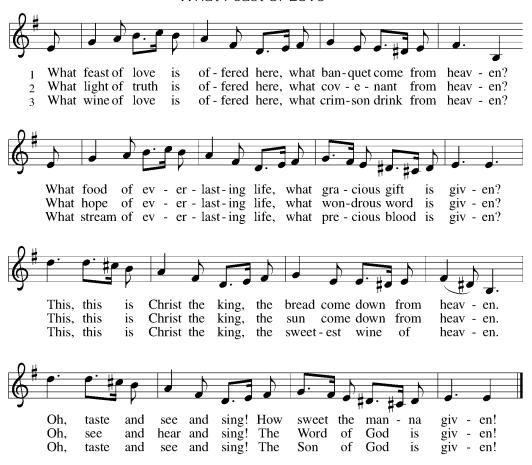
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SERMON

Loaves Abound - Rye Bread

Rev. Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.



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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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

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

A brief silence.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry in the world. Where the church is divided, knit us together and proclaim your Good News with bold confidence. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over your good creation. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the resolve of your people to care for our earthly home. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. We pray for our local leaders and all who are faced with the duty to serve others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. This day we pray especially for Bill and Mary, Victoria, Diane, Daniel, Arni & Mary Lou, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and for all those we now name either silently in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Continue to make Christ Lutheran Church a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P You comfort all. Grant peace to those affected by mudslides in Germany. Guide leaders and first responders and send your peace upon those who have lost loved one. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

P 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.

GREETING OF PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord is with you always.
- C And also with you.

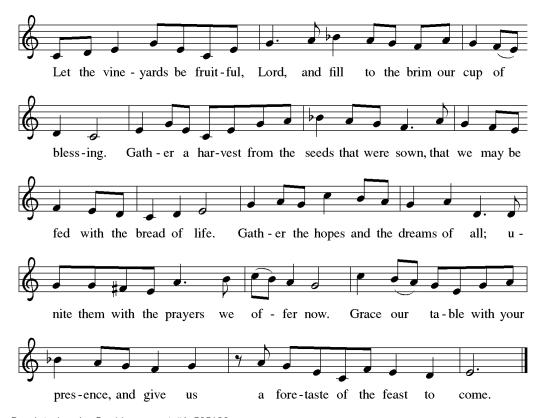
In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church *member, a person you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things* spread peace.

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

The offering is our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us. (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)

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OFFERING PRAYER

P 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

THE MEAL

Communion is both an individual and communal sacrament. Individual in that Jesus is present in, with, and around the elements we take into ourselves, and communal in that we partake of the bread and wine as a collective body of believers. Because of the communal nature of communion, please refrain from eating and drinking until pastor invites you to do so. All (no asterisk) are welcome at God's table.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is 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;

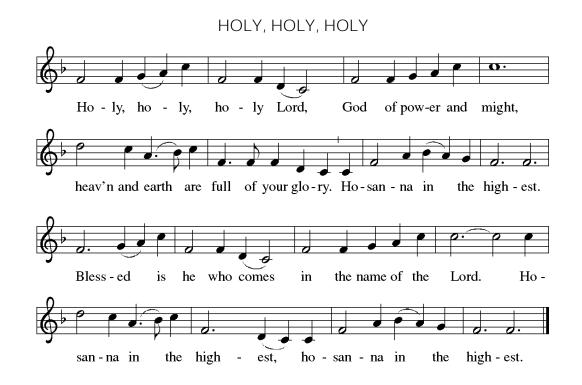
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

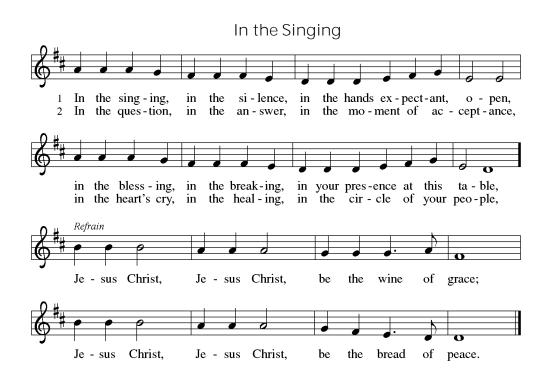
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HYMN

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Please be seated. Time for prayer and meditation



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION Adapted from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. P On our own what we have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to us and in the face of so much need.

Put together as a congregation, what we've offered you here this morning in love that it becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

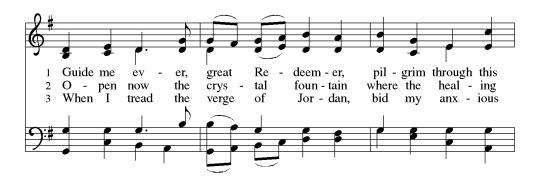
We ask you to bless our gifts and just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer





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SENDING

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news! C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "CM RHONDDA"

Paul Manz

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Upcoming Commemorations

Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 Sunday, August 8, 2021

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.



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