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Hungry to Do

Barley bread on the ground and fish in hand, like manna that came down from heaven in the wilderness for their ancestors, left the crowd addled and eager to know how to keep this food coming. But had they not noticed? Pay attention. Receive, take and eat on the grassy green hillside by the sea just as your ancestors did on the sandy brown desert floor.

Apparently when Jesus answered the crowd's question, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" by telling them that God's work is God's work, they were not satisfied. They wanted to know what to do. Jesus continued, "Believe" (John 6:28-29).

Oscar was desperate to have what his wife had, unrattled faith. Relentlessly, just as day after day he stalked rummage sales, scoured flea markets, and searched secondhand shops to find treasures, he hunted for the land of faith where breath would be easy, sight would be sharp, trust would be simple, and steps would be certain on ground that would not shift. He wanted to have what his wife had, unrattled faith. The day he pled and shrugged, "What can I do to have it?" she said this: "Oscar, just give up."

What must we do to end the hunger to *do*? We must be ready to lose enough to gain, be brave enough to be weak, be empty enough to be full, be vulnerable enough to be safe, be done enough to be done.

The crowd pressed Jesus. "Sir, give us this bread always" (John 6:34). Jesus said, in effect, "Why sure, that's what I do."

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 5, 2018

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able

Gathering Music

Blessed Assurance

ELW638

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

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

G **And also with you.**

A As in one body we have many members,

G **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

P Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,

G **I am there among them.**

A Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

G **with humility and gentleness.**

P Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit,

G **in the unity of the Spirit's bond of peace.**

A Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,

G **for mutual upbuilding of the body of Christ**

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us Pray... O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied.

G **Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

L A reading from **Exodus:**

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.'"¹⁰ And 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.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down man - na from heav - en;
so mor - tals ate the bread of an - gels.

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 a- | bout the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

☐ A reading from **Ephesians:**

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.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

▮ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

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.”

▮ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Message

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

☞ Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

☞ Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ’s body and blood. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Ascension Lutheran Church/ Saginaw, Faith Baptist Church of Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your love is everlasting.**

☞ Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your love is everlasting.**

☞ Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your love is everlasting.**

☞ Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need including Harlene Ward, *family of Kay Howell, family of Ingrid Wilson, Karl & Mary Golnek, and, Larry Hansen.* Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your love is everlasting.**

☞ Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ’s body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your love is everlasting.**

☞ Almighty God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith (*especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and the martyr Olaf, king of Norway*). Hasten the feast that will reunite us. Hear us, O God.

C Your love is everlasting.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions ... Hear us, O God.

C Your love is everlasting.

P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offeratory

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

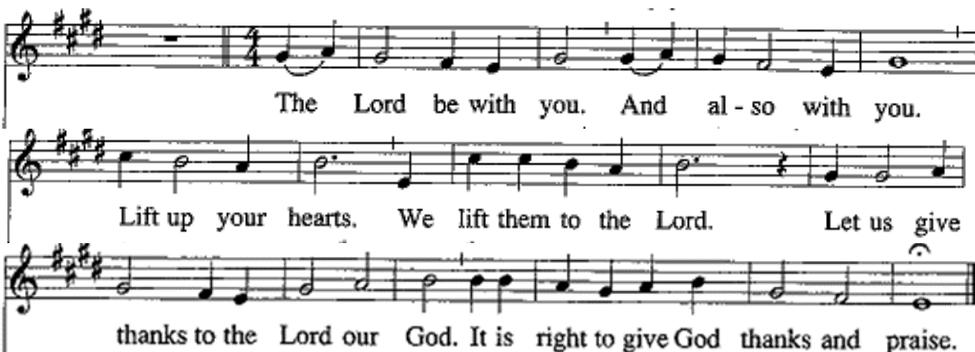
ELW 656

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray ... Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

C You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and our delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamation

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

C When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup we proclaim Christ Jesus.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

☐ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus

Congregation:

A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -

men, Come Lord Je - sus.

☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

☐ Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

☑ Amen

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u-ni-ty of the Spir - it all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for - ev - er,

A - - - men.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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

☐ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,



mer-cy on us.

Additional Verses:

You break the chains of hatred and fear:

You are the way of justice and peace:

You are the way of mercy and love:

You are the bread of life for us all:

You pour your Holy Spirit on us:



Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

☞ **Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

God Be with You till We Meet Again

ELW 536 (red book)

Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, August 5 Worship Service 8:00 and 10:45 am

Tuesday, August 7 Executive Committee Mtg at 5:30 pm

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 105 Weekly Giving: **\$2,957.00** Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of Old Orchard 100% juice (64 oz--NOT apple juice this time); Pasta or Rice A-Roni (NOT Spanish, beef or chicken based rice PLEASE), Animal Crackers, pretzels, cake mixes (NOT yellow or brownie mix), Meijer pasta--bow ties, shells ONLY, and Old El Paso taco shells.

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Anna Scheck
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Emma Peck
Usher	Mark Anton & Kay Marsh	Joe Longcor & Sandy Mosteller
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteers	Eve Wright

Table Guild – Chris Bush

Bread Makers – Cindy Olson

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, August 12, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chis Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	Chris Bush	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyliss Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Clyde Watson
Usher	John Burdick & Dave Neeb	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack and Carol Vos	Doug & Diane Neeb

Table Guild – Chris Bush

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Adult Forum will meet today at 9:30 a.m. During this session the class focus will be how God's grace changes our community. At the next meeting time the class will focus on how God's grace changes our perspective.

Noisy Offering to benefit Barry County Cares will be collected next Sunday.

Worship Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for August 19, 2018 after second service.

School Supplies Project: We will be partnering with United Way to collect donations of school supplies. A list of suggested supplies is posted on the bulletin board over the basket for collections. Deadline: Wednesday, August 15.

Sunday, September 9 RALLY DAY! Worship 8:00 am and 10:45am with Church School during 10:45am worship. The new Church School year begins on Sunday, September 9. At 10 am, Eve Wright invites youth, parents and anyone interested to come learn about the Church School program. During the 10:45am worship time we offer children an opportunity to go out and learn a lesson especially designed for them.

The Property Committee needs volunteers to help with soffit repair around our church building. Date: Friday, Sept. 14th (10 am) and Saturday, Sept. 15th (10am). Please contact Phil Poholski to let him know that you are willing to help. Email: ppoholski@gmail.com Phone: 269-948-3655.