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Hungry for the God We Recognize

A fiddler on the roof wails heavenward, “Tradition, tradition.” The canvas draping a revival meeting tent billows as the choir belts out a favorite rendition of “Give me that old time religion, it’s good enough for me.”

When the formulas we have trusted fail us; when all we insisted was indispensable washes out like sand in the tide; when what we depended on collapses at the foundation; when an inconvenient truth bangs like a bungling thief at the door of our faultless household; when flames turn our monuments into ash; and when we are cast into orbit where we do not know how to live and where we hear voices we neither recognize nor welcome, then our hearts hunger for a day like a day we once knew, a day like it used to be.

The chorus of voices around Jesus in today’s gospel harmonizes anger and lament into a dirge in the key of woe, a reprise of Elijah’s requiem under the broom tree in a hungry wilderness (1 Kings 19:4). Oh, for those good old days when there was enough bread to eat.

With hearts hungry for a day like a day that used to be, those gathered around Jesus could not recognize the God of their fathers Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, or the prophets in the likes of Jesus, son of their neighbors Mary and Joseph. But it was the words he dared to utter, that one thing he said, “I am,” that threatened to starve hearts already hungry for the God they could recognize. It is the unsurprising shocker that God shows up in the ever diverse, always gracious face of Jesus, arriving in the everydayness of our upsets and convulsions, losses and longings.

Jesus, concealed and revealed, gives the new song. “You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat” (ELW 484).

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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.

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 12, 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

All Are Welcome

ELW 641 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P The Holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love, be with you.

G **And also with you.**

A O Lord, open our lips,

G **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

P Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

G **the light no darkness can overcome.**

A Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,

G **who gives us life, salvation and resurrection.**

P Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

G **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A Let us Pray... Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

G **Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sit

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

L A reading from **Kings:**

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8



¹I will bless the LORD| at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²**I will glory | in the LORD;**

let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;

let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**

and delivered me from | all my terrors. **R**

⁵Look upon the LORD| and be radiant,

and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**

and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD

and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**

happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! **R**

Second Reading**Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

📖 A reading from **Ephesians**:

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

📖 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 6:35, 41-51**

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

📖 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

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

A 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.

A Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. 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, Faith Lutheran Church/ Saginaw, North / West Lower Michigan Synod Council, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. 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.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick especially *Wendy Eifler, Dan Anderson, Carol Morgan, Jamie, Fred, Pat, Lauren, families of Jason Pule, Kahlil Lulu, Camile Daniels, Rick Purser, Arlene Callender, Karl & Mary Golnek, and, Larry Hansen, and all those that wear a uniform to protect others.* Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear us, O God.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your love is everlasting.**

A Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. 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 also 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 our thanks and praise.**

☐ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the 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

☐ 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.

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

☐ 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.

Congregation:

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:

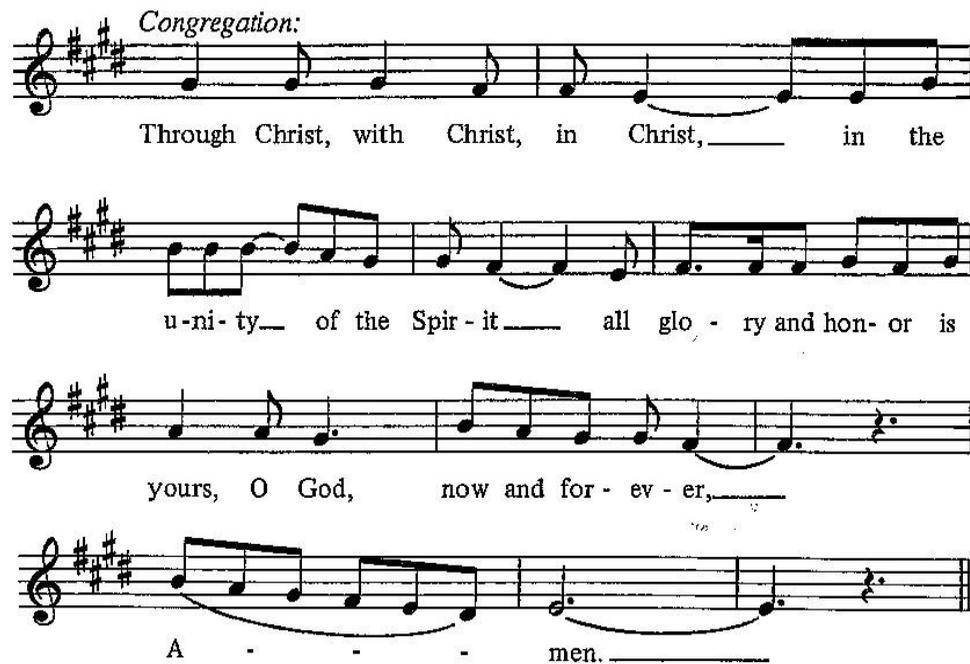


A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. _____

☐ 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:

Final time:



Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Jesus, Jesus Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

Prayer after Communion

A 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.

C 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

P May 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.

C 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836 (red book)

Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, August 12 Worship Service 8:00 am and 10:45 am
Monday, August 13 Outreach Committee at 4:00 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	Randy Teegardin	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis 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

Bread Makers – Cindy Olson

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, August 19, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	John Burdick	Victoria Steadman
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Hope Peck
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteers	John & Mary Kleinbrink

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Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 92 Weekly Giving: **\$4,258.00** Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

We welcome Pastor Mike Kemper as he leads Worship and Adult Forum today. It is good that we have a gifted preacher and teacher among us, as Pastor Ken, Laura and Anna travel to Capital University to move Ethan in for fall classes.

Your **Grace Outreach Committee** is inviting you to come plan events with us at our next meeting, Monday, August 13 @ 4:00. We will be planning ministry activities for September. Talk with Mike Kemper, committee chair, if you have questions.

Adult Forum will meet at 9:30 a.m. The class will focus on how God's grace changes our perspective. Next week we will begin studying the book of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel presents Jesus in a rich, many-sided way. Come and learn more about Jesus through the view of Matthew.

Noisy Offering to benefit Barry County Cares will be collected today.

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.

American Red Cross CPR and First Aid course being offered at Grace on August 20 and 21. Class will include videos, games, scenarios, and time on the manikins and AED machines. You'll receive materials that will walk you step by step through a variety of lifesaving skills. Sign up is on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Or talk to Kim Domke 269-908-0024.

Sunday, September 9 RALLY DAY! Worship 8:00 am and 10:45am with Church School during 10:45 am 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.

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.

Calling all teachers! Calling all teachers! As our Church School programs begins, you are invited to a meeting on September 19, 2018 at 6:00p.m. We are asking that all teachers who are part of the Sunday Church School come and fellowship with one another and learn some of the goals that are put in place for each week. Hope to see you there!

Installation of Council Members will be next Sunday.