



# Summer Worship

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us! All are Welcome.

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## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Gathering Hymn**

“The Church's One Foundation”

ELW #654

- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,

partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

## Greeting

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

A: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: a people holy to the LORD our God.**

A: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

## Prayer Requests

*Please write any prayer requests on the clip board located on the table in the Narthex. There will also be an opportunity to say requests aloud or in the silence of your hearts during the "Prayers of the Church."*

## The Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858 vs 1,2&4

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let  
all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises  
before him!**

**Let the amen sound from  
his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**A: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.**

**A: Let us pray. ...**

**C: 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. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **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.*

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The 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."

<sup>4</sup> Then 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."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron,

“Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> “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.’”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When 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.”

## Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29

<sup>23</sup> So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup> **raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup> So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup> **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup> raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup> **letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup> So 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.*

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until 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. <sup>14</sup> We 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. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from 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.

*(after the readings)*

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Kids' Time**

**Gospel Acclamation** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172  
*(2 times)*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## **Gospel**

John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> When 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.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>27</sup> Do 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."

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So 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?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then 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. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus 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.”

*(after the reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song**

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

#### *Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*



3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**Response to the Word**      *(Apostle's Creed)*      WOV p.49

A: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our 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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Confession & Forgiveness*

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;      *Jude 20*

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;      *Jude 21*

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:      *2 Cor. 5:17*

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!**

*Stand*

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

**C: Amen**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

A: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed (*especially*). Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**The Offering**            “Praise and Thanksgiving”            ELW #689

**1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer**

for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

**2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.**

**4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.**

## **Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs  
of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

## **Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, ...  
... almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, 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**

**Distribution**      "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"      ELW #623

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;

foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## SENDING

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now and forever!   **C: Amen**

### **Post-Communion Canticle**

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW #208

**1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:**

**thanks be to you forever!**

**Raising high the weak and lowly:**

**thanks be to you forever!**

**2 From of old you loved and sought us:**

**thanks be to you forever!**

**Truth and justice you have taught us:**

**thanks be to you forever!**

*Bridge*

**Strong is your faithfulness,**

**strong is your love,**

**rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen**

### **Benediction**

P: Go from this meal knowing that God blesses you and keeps you. That God's face shines on you and is gracious to you.

That God looks on you with great favor and gives you peace.

**C: Amen**

### **Announcements**

**Sending Song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW #656**

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

- 3 We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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