

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pr: All who are gathered here this day are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

All: We come from times of stress and worry, needing God's healing love.

Pr: Come to this place of healing and feeding.

All: Christ bids us welcome!

Pr: From the worries of our lives

All: Christ bids us welcome!

Pr: From the things that draw us down and away,

All: Christ bids us welcome!

Pr: Let our celebration begin!

**All: Let us partake of the banquet of God in Jesus Christ.
AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet *Vamos todos al banquete*

Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

- 2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo*
- 3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo*

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Greeting

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

All And Also with you.

Prayer of the day

Pr. 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.

All Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pr. Blessed by the Holy Trinity, +one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen

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

All 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.**

Pr. 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.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW 167



Now the Feast and Celebration

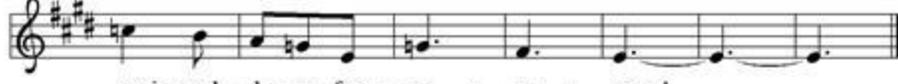
Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

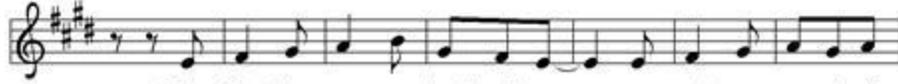


2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 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.'

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.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, '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." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 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. 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

Asst So God commanded the clouds above

All and opened the doors of heaven,

Asst raining down manna upon them to eat

and giving them rain from heaven. R

Asst So mortals ate the bread of angels;

God provided for them food enough.

Asst The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens

and powerfully led out | the south wind,

Asst raining down flesh upon | them like dust

and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

Asst letting them fall in the midst | of the camp

and round a- | bout the dwellings.

Asst So the people ate and | were well filled,

for God gave them | what they craved.

Gospel Acclamation-- "Celtic Alleluia ELW 174

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 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. 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.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

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.

Sermon

Hymn "I Am the Bread of Life" ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst, No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

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 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, 1984
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Prayers of Intercession

Let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with the words “**Feed the world with your love.**”

A brief silence.

O God, we lament the ways that your church is divided by past and present controversies. *A brief silence.* And we pray: guide our denomination toward ecumenical cooperation with other Christians; uphold the many ministries in your church; and direct each one of us toward the ministry for which you have formed us.

A brief silence.

You are the Spirit of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament the harm that humans have inflicted on your earth. *A brief silence.* And we pray: ensure the fertility of farms and fields; lessen the power of extreme weather; and strengthen worldwide efforts to live in such a way that climate change is slowed.

A brief silence.

You are the Pulse of our life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament the injustices that daily afflict people around the globe. *A brief silence.* And we pray: halt gun violence in our land; form our elected leaders to honor the rights of the powerless; and bring an end to prejudices against those who differ from us in color, ethnicity, or language.

A brief silence.

You are the Fullness of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament that countless people suffer daily from hunger and thirst. *A brief silence.* And we pray: lead us to provide food and clean water to all peoples; strengthen ELCA World Hunger programs and sustain the efforts of local food banks.

A brief silence.

You are the Bread of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament that the coronavirus continues to kill thousands each week. ***A brief silence.*** And we pray: send healing to all the sick and suffering, especially to those who receive no medical care; look with compassion on health care workers; and visit all whose pain is known only to you. We remember before you; Arlene Lauer, Dick Atkins, Marge Kolb, Ken Welton, Ron Edwards, James Dickie, Jim Murray, Rosemary Rizzo, and Tony Rizzo.

A brief silence.

You are the Physician and the Nurse of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament before you, O God, our secret sorrows, and we ask you to hear our personal prayers.

A longer time of silence.

You are the Storehouse of grace, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We pray for Taylor Josephine Granica who was newly baptized in our faith community this week, as we celebrate with her, renew us all in the gifts and promises of baptism

A brief silence

You are the water of new birth

Feed the world with your love.

We lament all who this past week have died through sickness, disaster, or violence. We praise you for all who have ministered in your church throughout the world. ***A brief silence.*** And we pray that at the end of all things, we will join with all the saints at your banquet of joy.

A brief silence.

You are Life Eternal, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

Into your merciful hands, O triune God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the life you offer us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Welcome to the table

Invitation to Communion

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

Offering Prayer

Asst. 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.

All Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Invitation to the table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Communion Music "One Bread One body" ELW 496

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

Sending Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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