

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

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Distribution

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.
Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

***Hymn Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW #618**

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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**People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

****(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***
Announcements

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.
Amen.

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

God, our provider,
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.**

***Apostle's Creed**

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** (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

***Offertory Hymn** "We Are an Offering"

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Please join together in the Offertory Prayer

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.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

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.

A reading from 1 Kings 19:4-8

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."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He 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.⁷ The 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."⁸ He 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹ I 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.
³ Proclaim 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.
⁵ Look 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.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading

*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.*

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our
neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not
sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room
for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves 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. ²⁹ Let 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. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of
God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of
redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger
and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and 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, ²
and 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 Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL READING

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

John 6:35, 41-51

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus 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.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I
am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They 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?’” ⁴³ Jesus
answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can
come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise
that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It 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. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except
the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell
you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your
ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the
bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not
die. ⁵¹ I 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.**

Sermon

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Hymn

“As We Gather at Your Table”

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