

ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

7:45AM &  
10:45AM

AUGUST 1,  
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Making the  
Love of  
Christ  
Known

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# Prelude

## Welcome /Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

**ELW 453**

#### Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

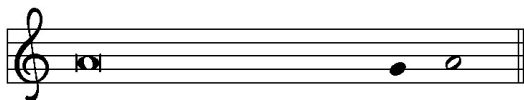
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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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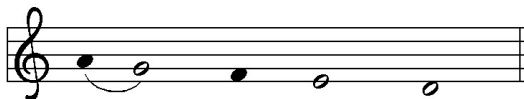
# Kyrie

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

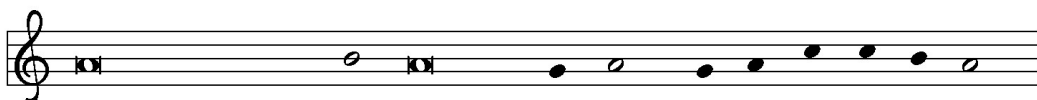
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



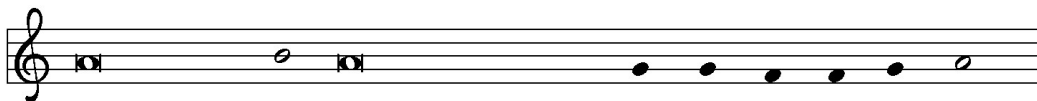
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

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**

## Children's Sermon

**Kids' Praise** (10:45) *At this time children age 3 - grade 4 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Octagon.*

## 10:45 Special Music

*Cindy Wendel-Give Me Jesus*

## 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.”

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

## 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



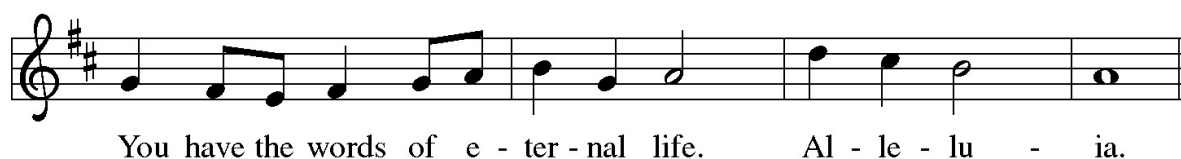
with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*The reading is concluded:*

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Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel: 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.*

<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.”

*The gospel is concluded:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day  
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# 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  
 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  
 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 -  
 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."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

Refrain

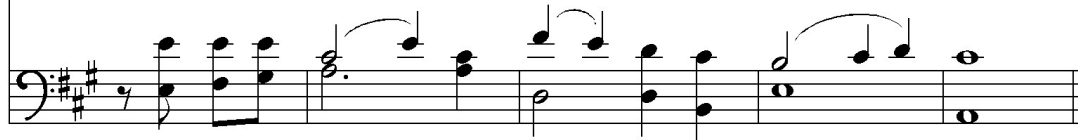
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



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



## Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin together, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and of peace, and I invite you to share that peace with one another.

Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:*

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

## Offering

**Kids' Praise-** *Children return to families during the offering.*



## Offertory:

*Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward:*

### Come, Lord Jesus



1 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
4 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
let your gifts to us be blest. Keep us for - ev - er  
let your gifts to us be blest. Come deep with - in our  
in your sight, and be our joy, our hearts' de - light.  
hearts to dwell, that we may all your good-ness tell.

*\*may be sung in canon*

Text: traditional table prayer, adapt. Susan Briehl  
Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis

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## Offering 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.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**



## Eucharistic Prayer

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 from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

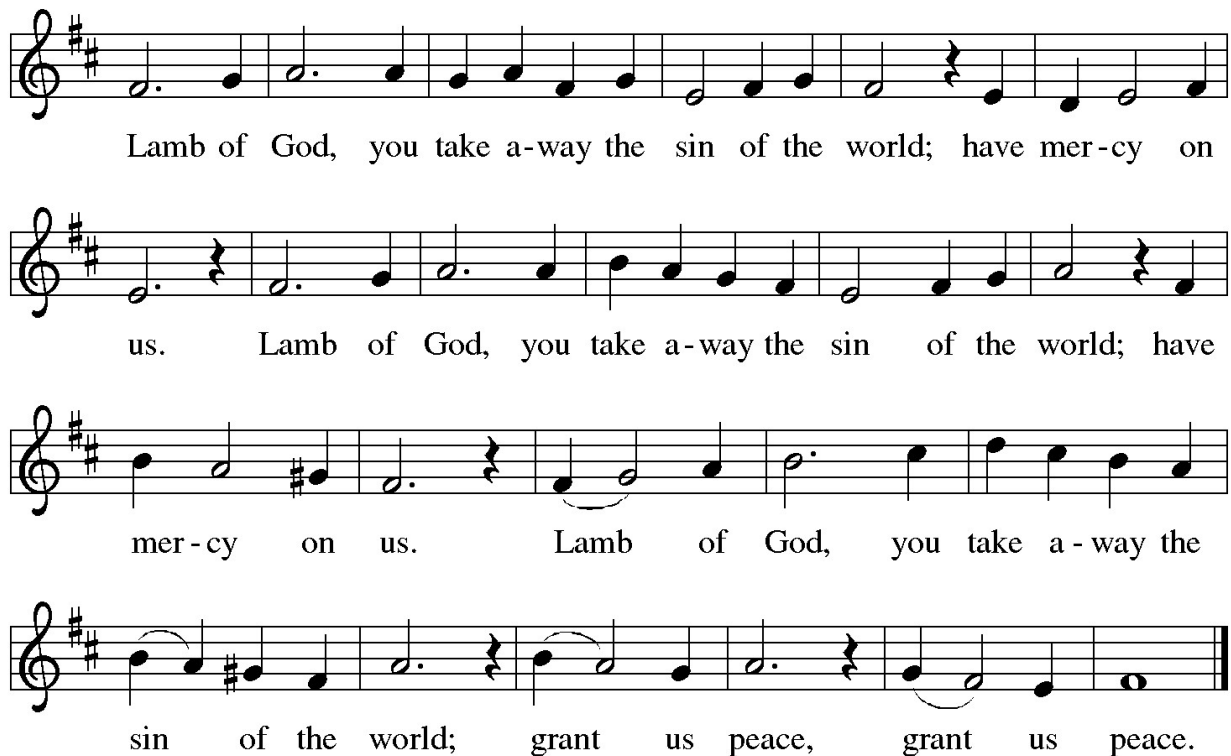
## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
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 of Communion

*Approach from the center aisle. Glasses with white grape juice are available for those who cannot receive wine. Deposit the glass in a basket and return by way of the side aisle.*





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

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*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

## 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.**

## Blessing

May our Creator, who seeks and finds us, may Christ, who calls  
 and claims us, and may the Holy Spirit, who renews us day by day,  
 sustain us until all that is temporary is gathered into God's eternal  
 glory. **Amen.**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.  
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude



