

ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

7:45AM &  
10:45AM

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Making the  
Love of  
Christ  
Known

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# Prelude

## Welcome /Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

**ELW 542**

#### O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!

3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength - ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.

And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!

My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er - flows!

and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

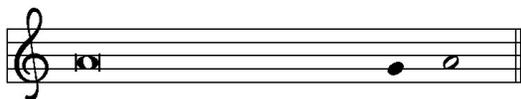
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Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



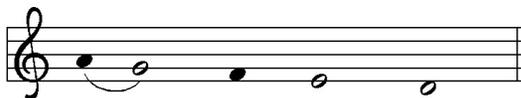
# Kyrie

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

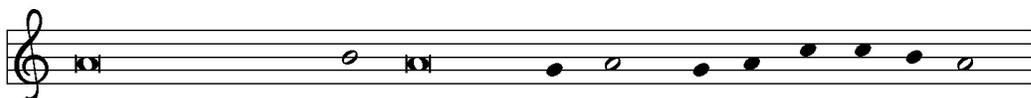
And also with you.



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.



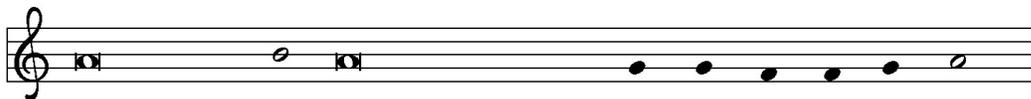
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Loving God, your justice is the working out of your mercy and peace on earth. Nourish us with the power of the Son, and let us grow into his image and likeness. Humble us in our self-conceits so that we act not arrogantly but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love. Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you. Help us to live lives worthy of the calling to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our 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.*

## 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.*

<sup>4</sup>[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."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell

asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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."<sup>8</sup> 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 reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 34:1-8

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the  
LORD and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!

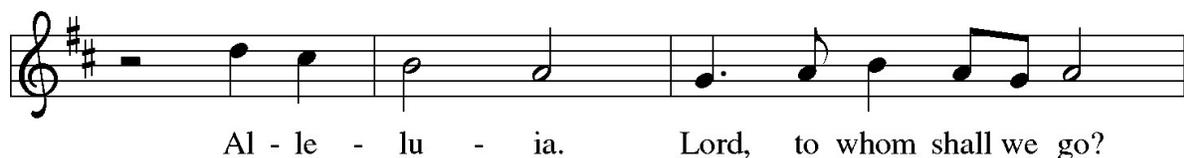
### Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

*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.*

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter.  
 Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel: 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.*

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>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?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>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. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>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 is concluded:  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.*



Sermon

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins to the One who hears our voice and is deeply moved by our distress.

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way.

We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.

We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us.

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.

Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. Amen.

People of God, hope in the Lord!

God in Christ has forgiven you. God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the life of the world. 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:*

God, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer..

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# Offering

## Offertory

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

### Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things

4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the

fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## Offering Prayer

O Bread of Life, your love creates us, your passion saves us from sin, your power transfigures us into glory for you.

Thank you for giving us a place in your good creation, for giving us the bread of heaven to free us from slavery to sin and death and for sending us with love.

We present our offerings. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**



## 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.

## Benediction

God's Work!

Our Hands!

God's Love!

Our Hearts!

God's Story!

Our Voices!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's Face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

Amen!

## Sending Hymn

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## Dismissal

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



# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional







