



**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 2024**

**Opening Hymn #746**  
***Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender***

1. Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, Advocate, Defender,  
Light never waning;
2. Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;  
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving;  
Light of the angels, Light of the forsaken;  
Hope of all living;
3. Maker of all things, all Your creatures praise You;  
All for Your worship were and are created.  
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we give You  
Our adoration.
4. To the all-ruling triune God be glory,  
Highest and greatest, over all exalted;  
We, too, would praise You, giving honor to You  
Now and forever.

**Invocation**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen**

### **Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis – sing**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Exodus 16:2-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, 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, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall

know that I am the Lord your God.”<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.<sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.<sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

## **Psalm of the Day- Psalm 145:10-21**

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*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.*

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*

**and all your saints shall | bless you!**

They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\*

**and tell | of your power,**

to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\*

**and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\*

**and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations.**

The LORD is faithful in | all his words\*

**and kind in | all his works.**

The LORD upholds all who are | falling\*

**and raises up all who are | bowed down.**

The eyes of all | look to you,\*

**and you give them their food in due | season.**

You open | your hand;\*

**you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

The LORD is righteous in | all his ways\*

**and kind in | all his works.**

The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*

**to all who call on | him in truth.**

He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;\*

**he also hears their cry and | saves them.**

The LORD preserves all who | love him,\*  
**but all the wicked he | will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
**and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Lesson – Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner 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>eager 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 that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” <sup>9</sup>(In saying, “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 one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the 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 we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him

who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

### **Verse of the Day – John 6:35b**

Alleluia. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – John 6:22-35**

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking 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, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing 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, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who 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 shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**P:** Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

### **The Alleluia – sing**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth**

**And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again**

**according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge**

**both the living and the dead,**

**Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #54**  
***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee.

**Sermon Text – John 6:22-35**

**Sermon**



## *Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven*

### **Offertory – sing**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

(Congregation may remain seated)

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Gracious heavenly Father, as You provided for the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness to the land You had promised, give us confidence to trust in You and to look to Your hand to provide all we need for this life and for the life to come.

**1 O Living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed Your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest. ...**

P: God and Father of all, enable us to walk in humility, gentleness and patience, that we would bear with one another in love and be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.**

P: O Lord, grant us true unity in the faith. Preserve us in pure doctrine; grant harmony in our congregation, district and Synod;

and bestow on us charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear.

**2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;**

P: Mighty One, You establish civil government to be a blessing. To Your mercy, then, we commend our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way. Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed.

**For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.**

P: Show Your mercy to the sick and hospitalized [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Provide doctors, nurses and other medical professionals to care for those who need health and healing.

**3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.**

P: Loving Father, You provided manna for Your ancient people to sustain them in the wilderness. By Your grace, You provide the living bread from heaven: Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who provided a Sacrament to assure us of the salvation He came to bring. Help us to approach Your table with thankful and contrite hearts, that we might receive Your Son's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

**My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,**

**And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.**

P: Holy One, Your Son gives us the Office of the Ministry, that Your people might be equipped to serve and be built up into His one Body. Remember in Your compassion all who speak Your Word. Give them faithfulness and honesty in their teaching, that Your children would be freed from all deceit to speak Your truth to one another in love, growing up in every way into Christ.

**4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.**

P: Lord, we come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know, in You, that which is eternal. Give us confidence in the suffering and death of Christ, that we may rejoice that You are with us always and await His joyous appearing with all the saints.

**And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.  
Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

*(the appropriate Preface is read)*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



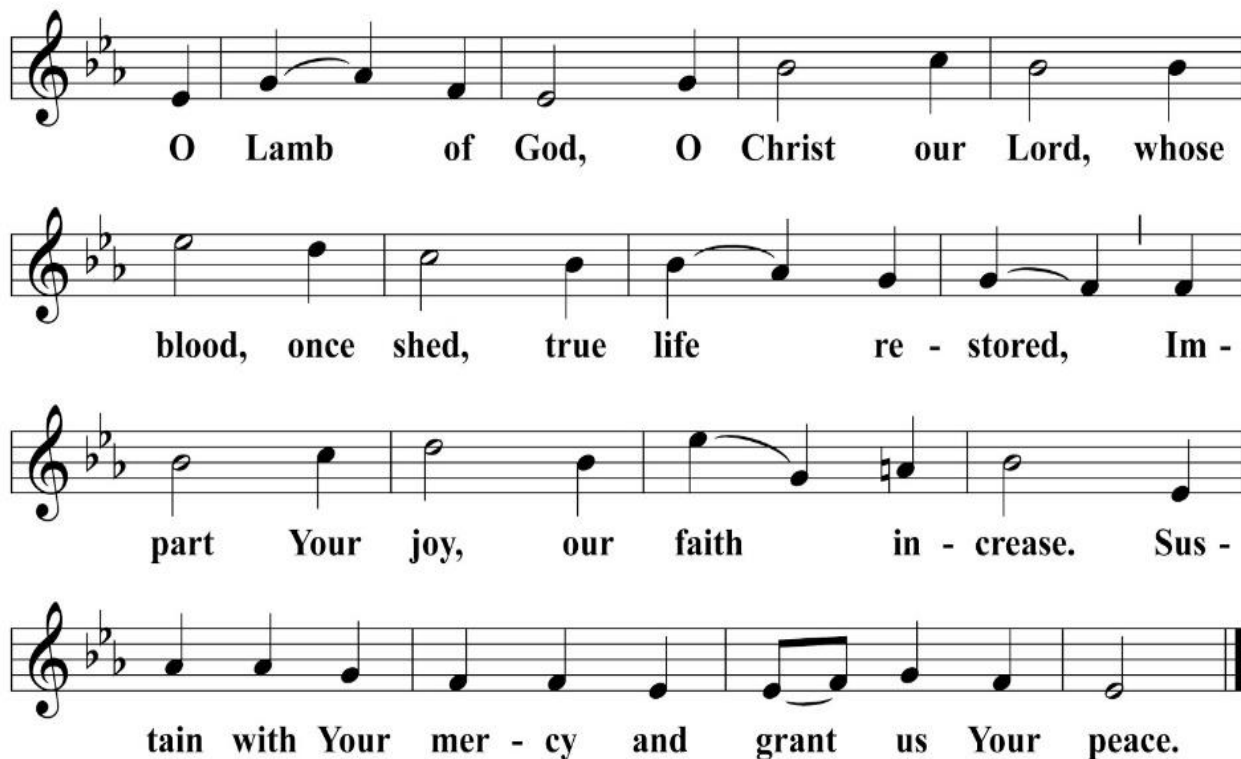
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution

### Nune Dimittis - sing

1. O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen

## Closing Hymn #394 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1. My faith looks up to Thee,  
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
 Savior divine.  
 Now hear me while I pray;  
 Take all my guilt away;  
 Oh, let me from this day  
 Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

## **Silent Prayer**

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