



I AM THE
**BREAD
OF LIFE**



JOHN 6:35

Wednesday in the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost

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Midweek Abbreviated Communion Service



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Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us for this abbreviated service of Holy Communion to be encountered God in Word and Sacrament in the presence of sisters and brothers in Christ (at a safe distance!) We believe that God is at work in this assembly to create and sustain faith in God's promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Please wear a mask at all times when inside the building. Masks are available in the narthex if you didn't bring your own. We also ask that you use the pews that have not been taped off, so as to maintain appropriate social distancing between family units.

Because singing is a known risk factor in the spread of COVID-19 (even with masks on), we ask that you do not sing the hymns, but follow the words silently.

See the instructions for receiving Holy Communion below in the Communion section of the service.

We hope you find this service meaningful and encouraging for your life of faith.

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Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

Bold type: spoken by the people

Small Italics: liturgical directions

✝ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (Old Green Hymnal)

As We Gather: 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.

Gathering

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

**and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Gathering Music

This is the Spirit's Entry Now.

Based on ELW 413

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.

The assembly stands.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

Word

Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35 NRSV

The holy gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When [the crowd] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”²⁶ 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.²⁷ 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.”²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”³⁰ 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?”³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”³² 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.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”³⁵ 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 of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Chris Repp

Hymn of the Day

Eat this Bread

ELW 472

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. (Repeats)

The assembly stands.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace, maintaining appropriate physical distancing for this time of global pandemic.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
We give you thanks for your great love
in sending to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present for us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, forming us into his body for the sake of the world. We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized Christians. Those who are not baptized we invite to explore with us the Christian faith and consider baptism.

To receive communion, please come forward to the pastor, maintaining appropriate physical distance between family groups. When you have received the communion kit, please proceed to the door on the south side of the nave, walk down to the sidewalk and there eat and drink the bread and wine. Then reenter the worship space through the main entrance of the church and return to your seat. A receptacle for waste will be available in the narthex.

Music During Communion

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

LBW 213

- 1 I come, O Savior, to your table,
for weak and weary is my soul;
you, Bread of life, alone are able
to satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain

Lord, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior;
your blood, which once for me was shed:
these are my life and strength forever,
by them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

- 3 With you, Lord, I am now united;
you live in me and I in you.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted
it finds its deepest joy in you. *Refrain*

- 4 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

- 1 Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread, there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

- 2 Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know this grace, find this peace,
Christ is with us here. *Refrain*

- 3 Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim, till he comes,
Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

After the distribution the assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Based on ELW 313

- 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 nations unto your holy hill, the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

- 2 Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore, where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

Worship Support

The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

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