

# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

*“Now the Silence”*

*arr. J. Bert Carlson*

*Tune: Carl F. Schalk*

### 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.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God’s mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn

#488 *“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

## Greeting

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

## Kyrie

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## Glory to God

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## Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be  
the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread  
always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that,  
strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the  
world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# THE WORD

## Readings and Psalm

[1 Kings 19:4-8](#)

[Psalm 34:1-8](#)

[Ephesians 4:25--5:2](#)

## Gospel Acclamation

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## The Holy Gospel

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.*

[John 6:35, 41-51](#)

*Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*

# Children's Sermon

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day:

#474 "Bread of Life from Heaven"

### Installation of the Call Committee

### Prayers of the Church

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

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (*Dominic*,) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. 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.**

## **Peace**

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

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

# **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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## **Eucharistic Prayer**

## **The 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.**

## **Lamb of God**

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<b>SENDING</b>
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## **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

## **Announcements**

**We have updated our procedures with the latest recommendations from the CDC: masks are recommended but not required for those who have been fully vaccinated.** For the safety and comfort of those not yet vaccinated for Covid 19 or with underlying health risks, please be considerate when sharing the peace, and please use the outdoor courtyard for coffee and conversations following worship.

**The Call Committee** has been appointed by the Congregation Council and begin their work of discernment in selecting a pastoral candidate for call at ascension. Members of the Call Committee are Keren Meister-Emerich, Paul Hohn, Barb Cook, Bud Murphy, Amber Mueller, and Andy Rose. Christina Muggenburg and Patti Riesland are alternate members.

**We are looking for volunteers to staff the Audio-visual equipment** for broadcasting worship over Zoom and livestreaming in the future. Training sessions will be offered in the coming weeks.

**We only need an additional \$1,000 to reach our goal** for the purchase of the livestreaming and audio equipment. Thank you for your generous support!

## **Blessing**

Life is short,  
And we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who  
make the journey with us.  
So... be swift to love,  
and make haste to be kind.  
And the blessing of the triune God,  
who made us,  
who loves us,  
and who travels with us  
be with you now and forever.

## **Sending Hymn**

*#542 "O Living Bread from Heaven"*

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Postlude**

*"D Major"*

*Johann Erasmus Kindermann*

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

Reader .....	Morgan Williams
Cantor .....	Morgan Williams
Ushers .....	Denise Martin
Organist/Pianist.....	Gaela Young
Nursery .....	Estelle Bennett

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