

# *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, August 6, 2023*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

"Praise to the Lord"  
Handbell Choir

K. McChesney

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us - from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"  
[See back of bulletin]

## **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**

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A READING FROM ISAIAH**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

(Isaiah 55:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>**He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**A READING FROM ROMANS**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 9:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (Matthew 14:13-21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Break Now the Bread of Life”

[See back of bulletin]

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is more than sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rain in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth and invite everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that those who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of hearts who cry to you and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially everyone on our prayer list. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. One day bring us with all your saints to your great heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints you have placed in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

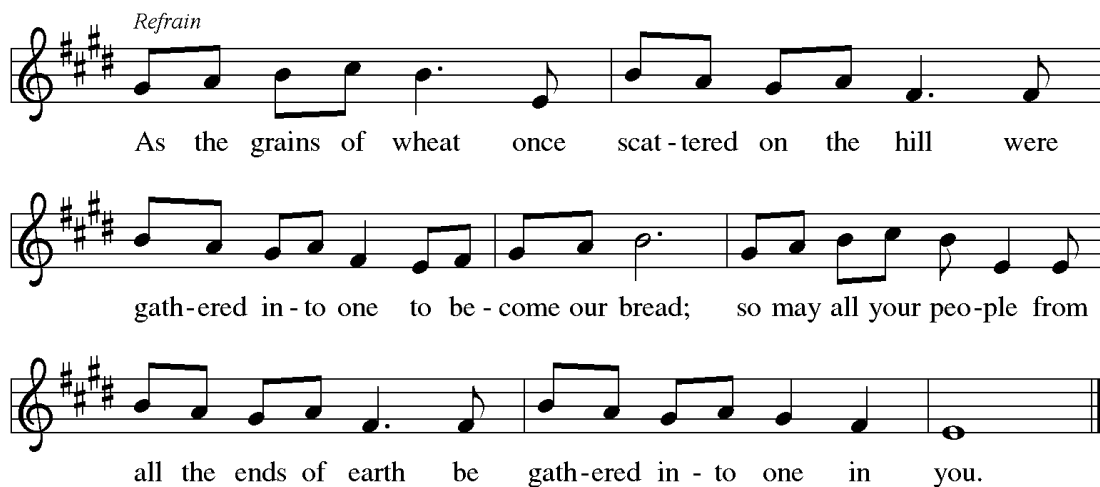
"The Heavens Are Telling"  
Handbell Choir

Haydn/Thompson

### OFFERTORY HYMN

"As Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final whole note on the third staff.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us  
through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In Unison)

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.



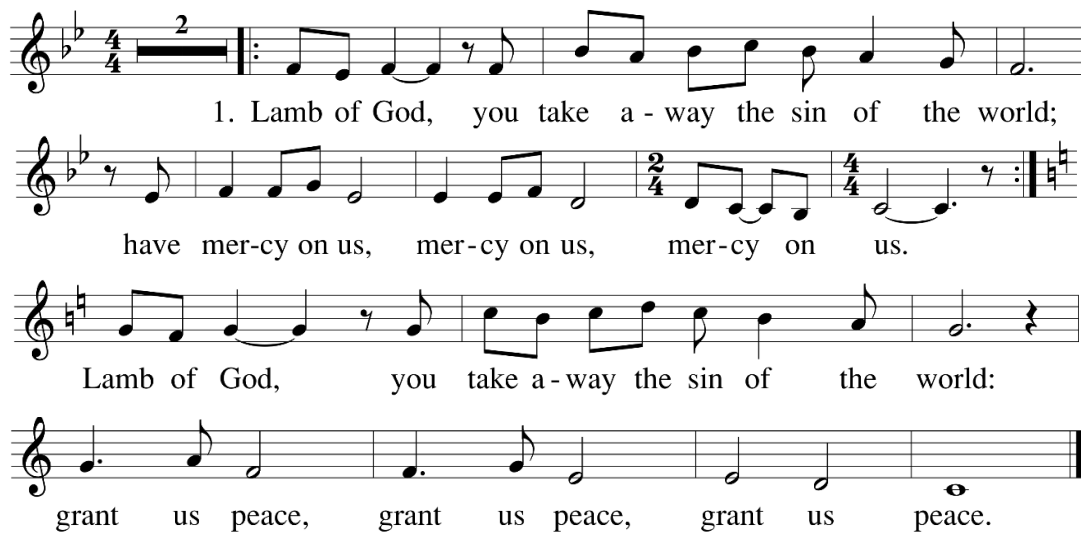
## **INSTRUCTIONS**

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

## **AGNUS DEI**



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

## **COMMUNION HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"** [See back of bulletin]

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** "O Living Bread from Heaven"  
[See back of bulletin]

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Fanfare Postlude" D. E. Wagner

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**Introduction to the Day:** In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of Carl Long for our anniversary by  
Christine Long.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of G. Roger Lengel and Jack A. Lengel,  
my brothers, by James Lengel and the Lengel family.

**Bulletins** are presented in honor of Jeremy Houser's birthday (August 7), by his  
grandmother, Fern Moyer

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (8/06/23)**

**9:30 AM**

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Karen Travor; LECTOR: Doug Travor

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Pat Kunkle

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Madelyn Knecht

COUNTERS: Tom Wehr, Gwen Wehr, and Glenda Bright

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/13/23)**

**9:30 AM**

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: David Kriner; LECTOR: Sue Schenck

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

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**W&M MEETING RESCHEDULED**

The upcoming Worship and Music meeting scheduled for Monday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m., has been rescheduled for Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 6      9:30 AM      Worship with Holy Communion  
  7:00 PM      "Jump for Joy" Concert

Thursday, August 10    5:00 PM.      "Farm to Square" Event

Friday, August 11      10:00 AM      STiC SRT Walk in Landingville

Saturday, August 12    5:30 PM      Worship  
  10:00 AM      Walking to Bethlehem Event at  
  Sweet Arrow Lake

Sunday, August 13      9:30 AM      Worship with Holy Communion

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### WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

Help us achieve the equivalent number of miles as if we walked right across the ocean to Bethlehem! St. John's, Salem, and St. Paul's are joining forces to make this happen this summer. "Walking Diaries" are available in the Gathering Room at our small display. Please bring your diary with you when you come to worship so that we can calculate our congregation's progress towards the final goal.

Our next special event is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, August 12 at Sweet Arrow Lake. We will meet next to the pavilion at the Club House. Enjoy a morning of sensory interactions with nature. You will never experience a nature walk the same way again. This is a "rain or shine" event. Come on out, everyone!

Your coordinator, Sue Reier

### **"JUMP FOR JOY" CONCERT - TONIGHT AT 7 P.M.**

Not only will we have some very fine musicians at our first benefit concert for Red Creek Wildlife, but our guest of honor, Peggy Hentz, will be giving us a presentation and bringing along one of her owl friends!

We are asking for free will donations and offering some door prizes, as well. Many thanks to WELCA for hosting the reception to follow, and you know that means something delicious! See you there and bring a friend!      Sue & the STiC team

### **OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Following our 10:30 a.m. service at the church on Sunday, September 24, we will hold our annual Church Picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion. Please mark your calendars!

## SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

The “Blessing of the Backpacks” will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Teachers, students, and school staff are welcome! Please bring bookbags, devices, etc. to be blessed in hope of a wonderful 2023-24 academic year!

### LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our monthly newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube. And get to know us better! We are a Lutheran congregation with a rich tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship and work together here -- to the glory of God!

### “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”

This year’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” project will support “Servants to All – My Father’s house” located in Pottsville, PA. “Servants to All” is a faith-based program and homeless services provider that offers emergency shelter, homeless prevention, street outreach, case management, and supportive services to those in need in Schuylkill and the surrounding counties.

Donations requested include:

Hygiene Items - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, and bath towels and washcloths (new or almost new).

Bedding - Bed linens (twin or full-sized sheet sets), blankets, pillows, and pillowcases (new or almost new).

Cleaning Items - All-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, mops, brooms, and buckets.

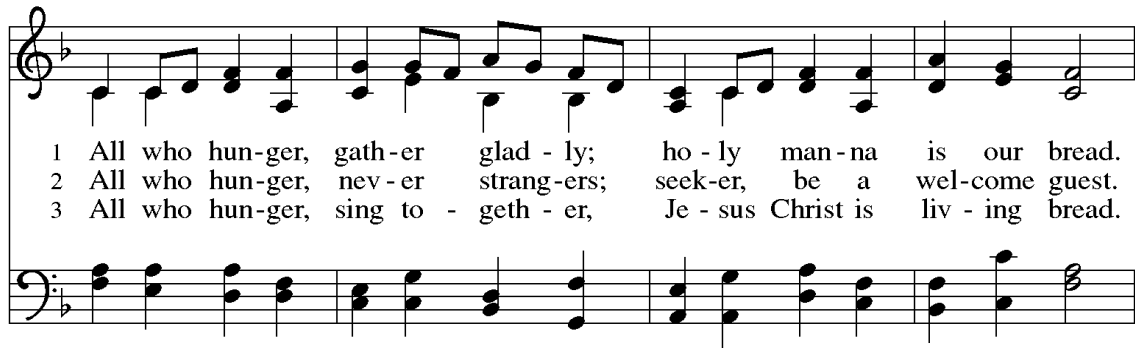
A box has been placed in the narthex for donations. We will collect items through August 31, 2023. “God’s Work. Our Hands,” Sunday is set for September 10, 2023.

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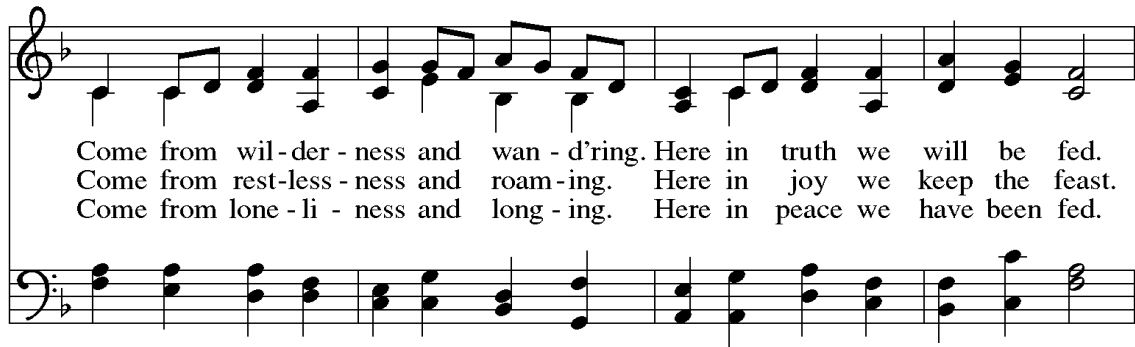
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# GATHERING HYMN

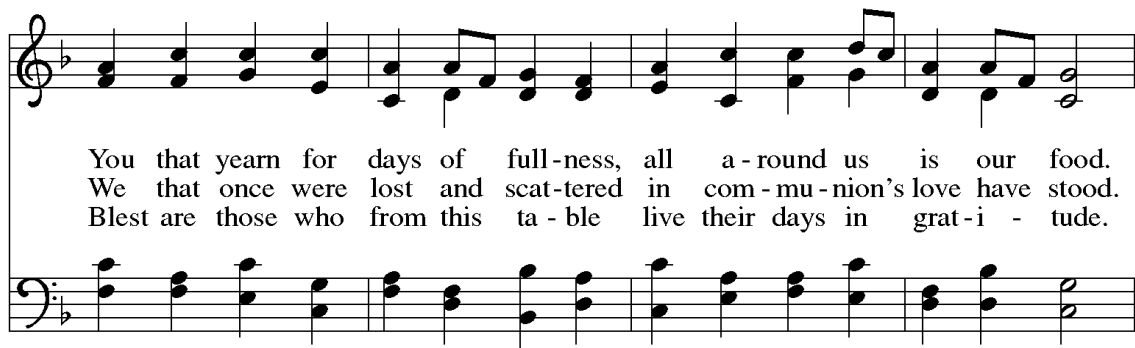
## “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”



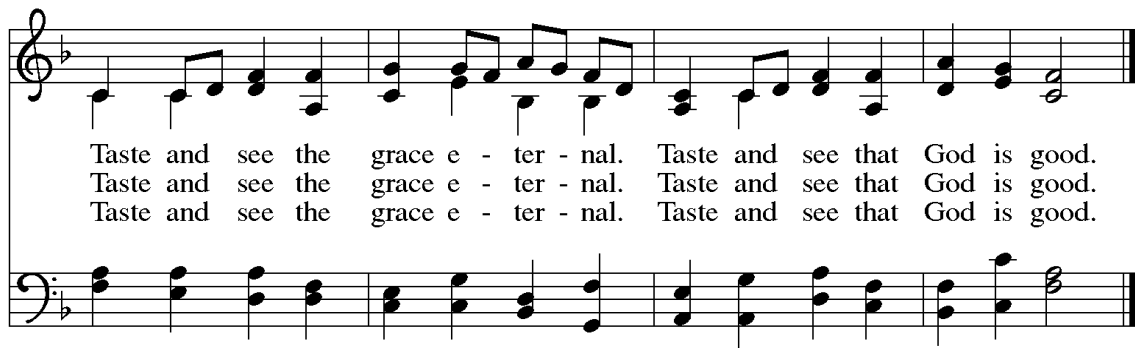
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## HYMN OF THE DAY “Break Now the Bread of Life”

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

## COMMUNION HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

# SENDING HYMN

## “O Living Bread from Heaven”

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 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 here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 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!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 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!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 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.