

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

M. McDonald

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † 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 "O Master Let Me Walk with You"
[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

Gracious Father, your Son is the true bread that gives life to the world. Always give this bread to us, that he may live in us and we in him, and that as we grow in faith, we may be his very body in this world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM FIRST KINGS

⁴[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."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He 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. ⁷The 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." ⁸He 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. (1 Kings 19:4-8)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8 (Read responsively)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

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

(Ephesians 4:25--5:2)

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. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus 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. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They 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?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It 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. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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.”

(John 6:35, 41-51)

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
[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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of creation. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For all who face long and difficult journeys. For those who live amid violence and destruction. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this assembly gathered around your table. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. For everyone whose name is on our prayer list. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Marianne Close, Krista Harding, Justin McClure, Greg Sklar

OFFERTORY HYMN

"As the 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 melody for the first line of lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody for the second and third lines of lyrics. The lyrics are: '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.'

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table and invited us to this bountiful feast. As we share this meal, strengthen us in faith and transform us, so that we can be your living body for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

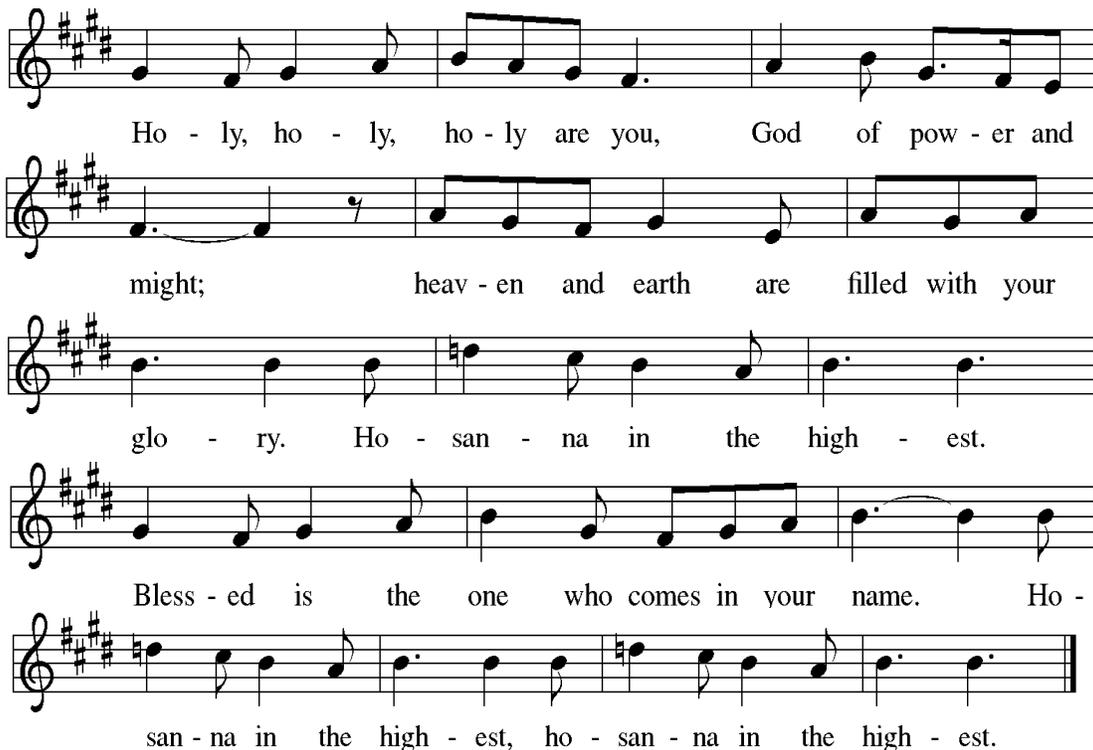
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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)

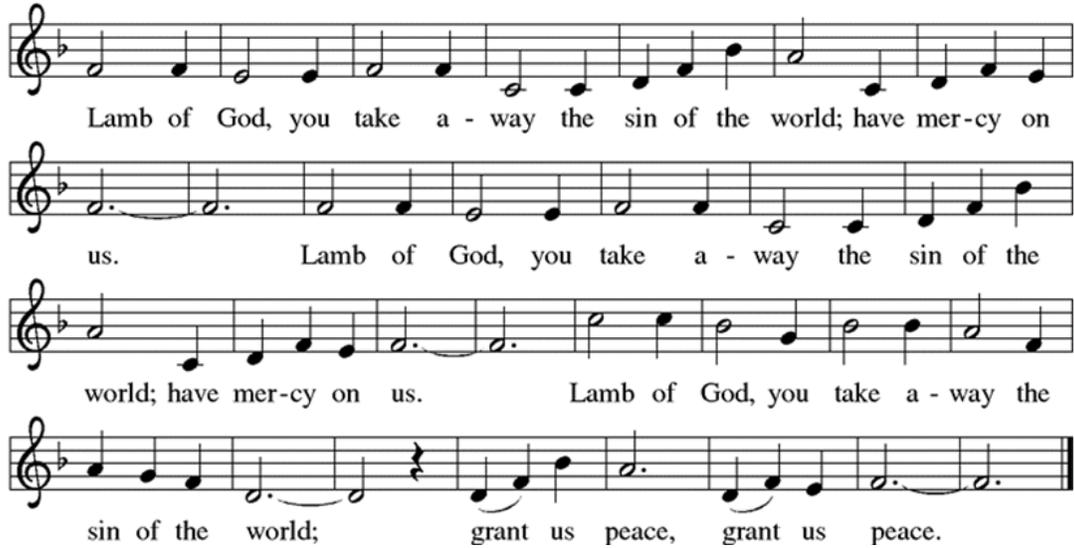
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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. Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.

AGNUS DEI



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

COMMUNION HYMN “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” [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

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “O Living Bread from Heaven” [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Voluntary”

J. Clarke

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of our 58th Anniversary by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

Chancel Flowers are presented in loving memory of the anniversary of Kenneth, Sr. and Miriam Miller by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

Introduction to the day: 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. Paul tells us in Ephesians, that in baptism, we are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit and live new lives in Christ. We are called to live in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Our life is not just about ourselves. We live in community with -- and for the sake of others.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 11	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Frog Hollow Yoga Walk
Monday, August 12	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday, August 13	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
Thursday, August 15	1:00-3:00 PM	Crafters' Guild at Kristin Durkee's House
Friday, August 16	6:00-7:00 PM	Food Pantry (volunteers fill boxes)
Saturday, August 17	8:45-11:00 AM	Food Pantry (volunteers distribute boxes)
	5:30 PM	Worship
	6:30 PM	Progressive Picnic
Sunday, August 18	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING TODAY (8/11/24)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Joanne Emerich
LECTOR: Chris Long; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Becky Smoot
ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Becky Smoot
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/18/24)

9:30 AM

GREETER: TBA; USHER: Wayne Lutsey
LECTOR: Pat Kunkle; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis
ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Becky Smoot
COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

GWOH 2024

This year we will again collect items requested by Servants to All - My Father's House, as our congregation's "God's Work. Our Hands." project.

New (or very gently used) items requested include:

Hygiene Products - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, bath towels, and washcloths.

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

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

We will collect items through August 31. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is set for September 8, 2024.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

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

WHERE ARE OUR OFFERING PLATES?

Our offering plate is in the back of the church near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering and have not already done so, please place your offering in the plate before worship begins or as you leave the church.

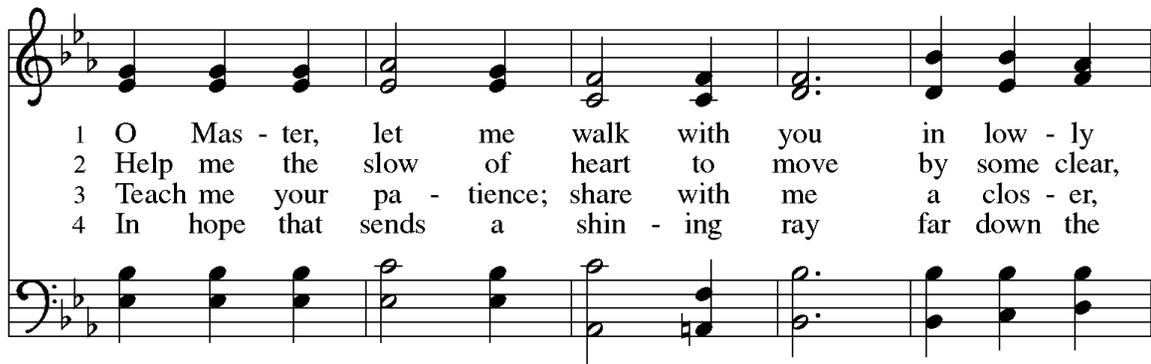
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday July 8, and continuing throughout the summer months, our church office will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

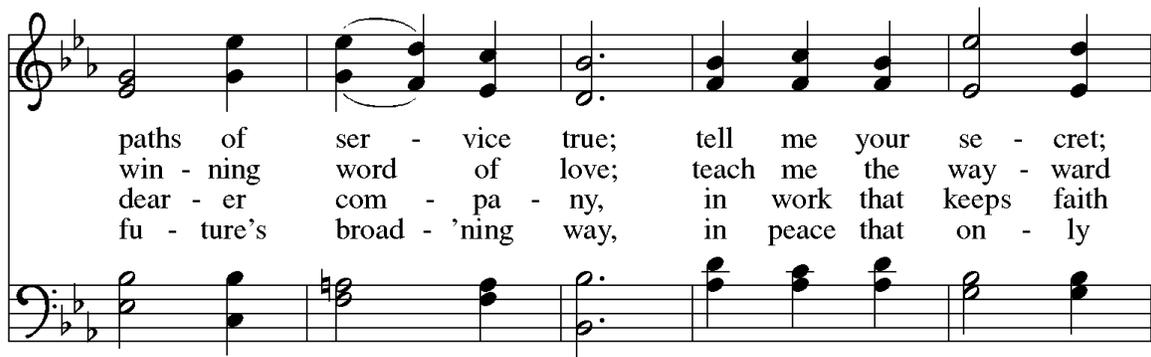
PROGRESSIVE PICNIC

A progressive picnic will be held on August 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Robin Zimmerman. At 8:00 p.m., dessert will be enjoyed at the home of Lee and Amy Dewald. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room.

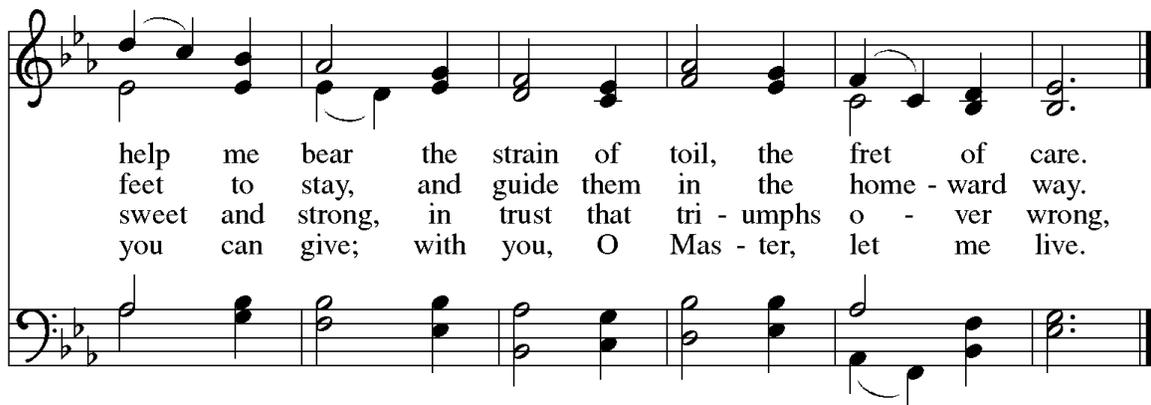
GATHERING HYMN “O Master Let Me Walk with You”



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

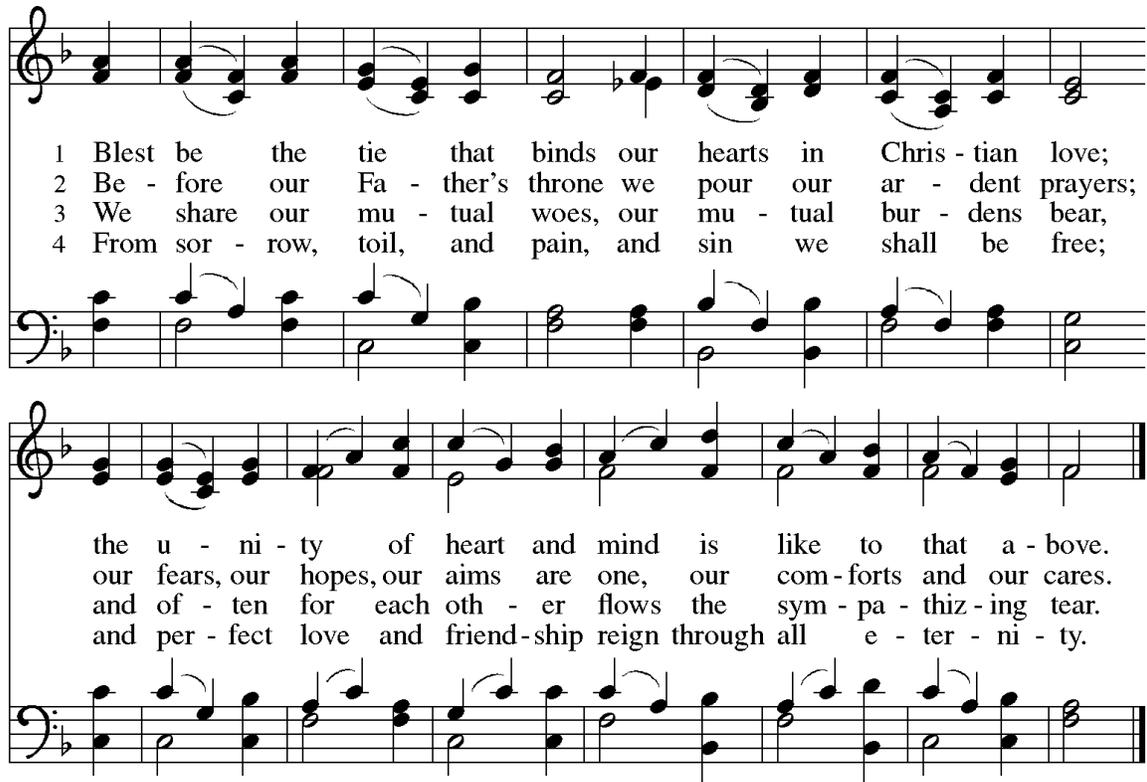
DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Orwigsburg Food Pantry is greatly in need of toilet paper and paper towels. If you can help, you can put the items into the collection box at Boyer's or bring them to the Food Pantry at St. John's UCC each Tuesday around 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The “Blessing of the Backpacks” will be held on Sunday, August 25, at our 9:30 a.m. service. Teachers, students, school staff, parents, and guardians are invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!

The Evangelism Committee would like to continue sending cards to lift the spirits of those members who cannot join us for worship, college students, and military personnel. Please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) or contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with new names and addresses as well as any changes of address.

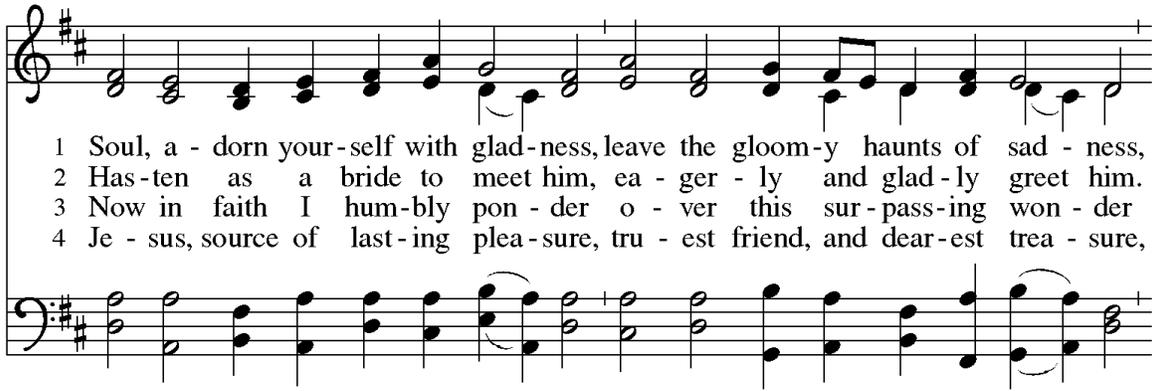
“REGULAR” WORSHIP RETURNS

Beginning on Sunday, September 8, we will return to our regular worship schedule. Services will be held on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be shared on the first Saturday of each month and at every Sunday service.

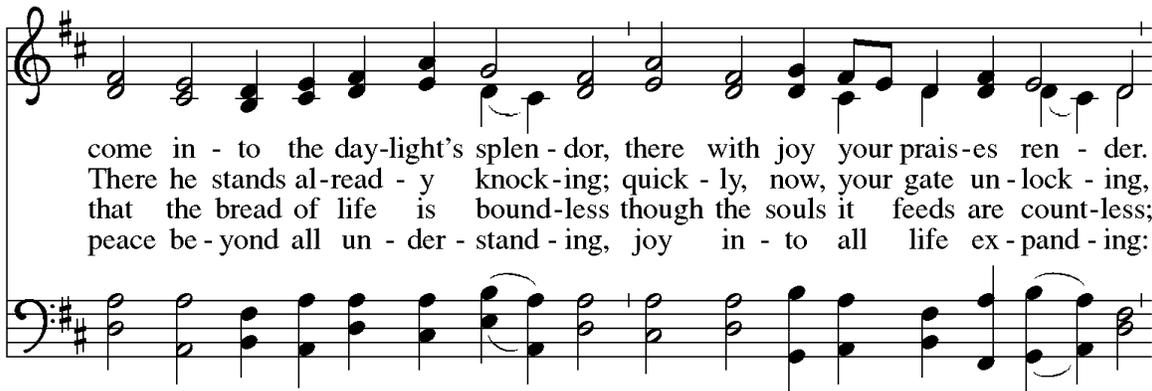
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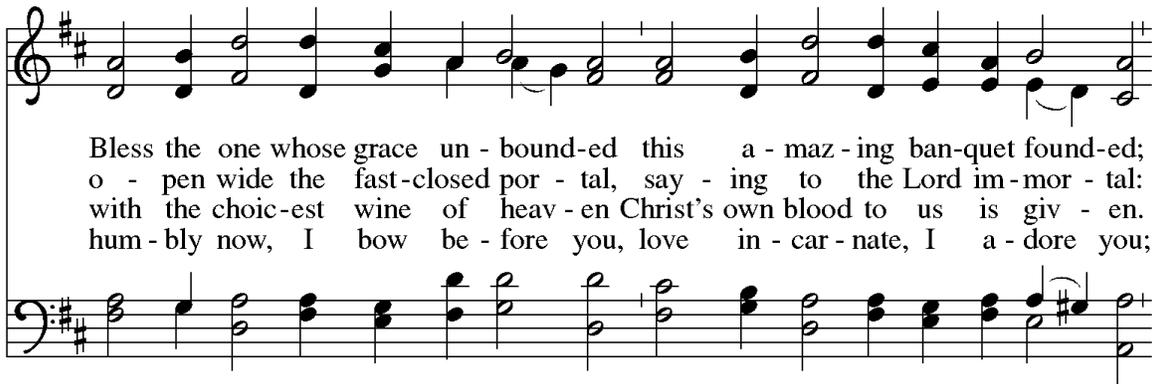
COMMUNION HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;

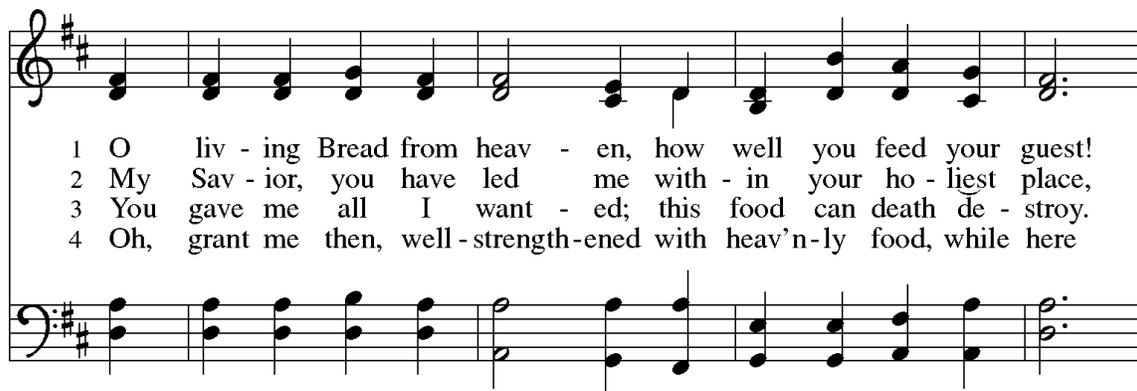


Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

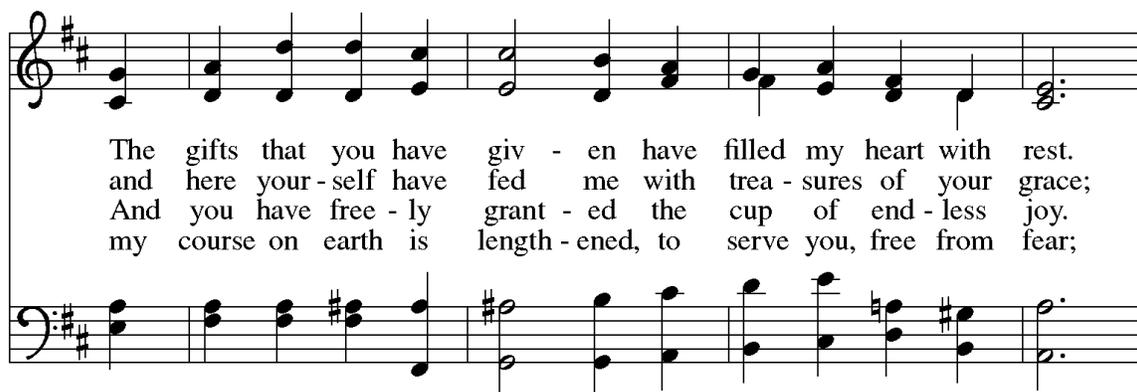


Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

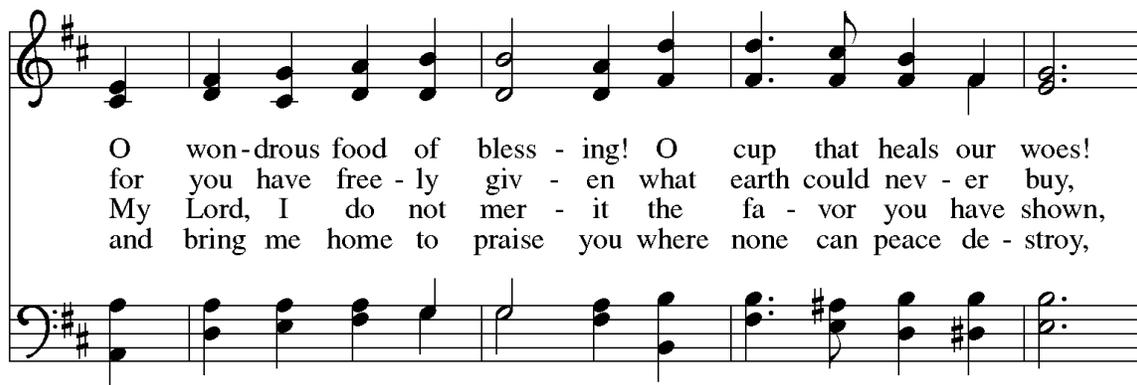
SENDING HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven"



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.