

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 11, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE BREAD OF LIFE SERMON: JESUS IS THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

The two most well-known sermons of Jesus are His “Sermon on the Mount” and His “Bread of Life” sermon. Today and for the next two Sundays we will focus on His Bread of Life sermon. After Jesus miraculously fed the 5000, the crowds followed him hoping he would become their perpetual free lunch. They tried prompting Jesus by reminding him how God provided manna for 40 years for the Israelites. Jesus reminds them and us that there is a more important Bread we need - the Bread from heaven who is Jesus Himself.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

Please see the prayers on the inside cover of the blue hymnal as well as on pages 255-258.

THE STORY OF NPH

In 1850, three Lutheran congregations in the Milwaukee area joined together to form the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Their purposes in uniting were

- 1) To encourage each other in maintaining the true doctrine
- 2) To train reliable pastors and teachers
- 3) To send out missionaries
- 4) To publish biblically reliable materials

These purposes were later documented in a formal constitution that served as the founding basis of how this new church body would operate.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sermon Rev. Chris Cordes
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Projection Slides Kayla Frank

Order of Service

Please stand

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

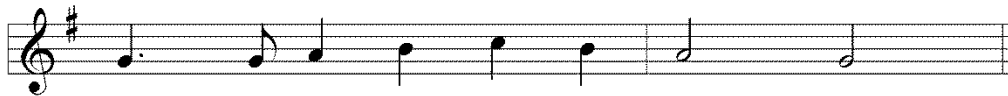
C: Amen.



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your teaching, Lord!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,

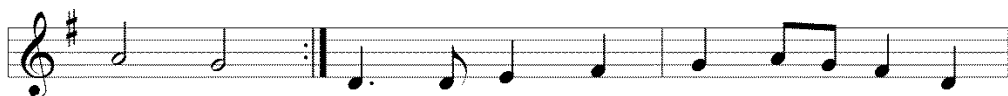
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

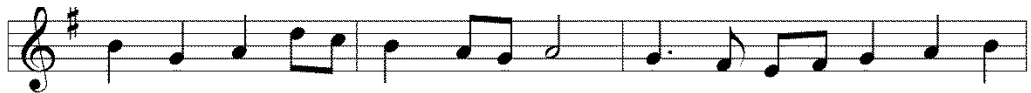
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful¹ and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

¹ Scripture teaches that our every inclination is toward sin (Gn 8:21). The Apostle Paul wrote, "I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my sinful flesh" (Ro 7:18). This doctrine is called "original sin" meaning that we were born with it (Ps 51:5). Therefore, we can contribute nothing toward our own salvation. God must take mercy on us and save us in connection with His Son, Jesus Christ.



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



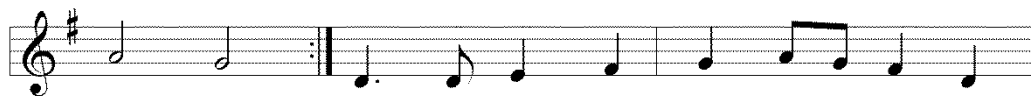
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.²

Amen.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -



ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,



Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

² Christ gave your pastor the authority to forgive all your sins on His behalf in John chapter 20.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:15-31

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents."

¹⁷The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. ¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. ¹⁹Moses said to them, "No one is to leave any of it until morning." ²⁰However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person, and all the leaders of the community came and reported to Moses. ²³He said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: Tomorrow is a complete rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, but set aside for yourselves all the rest of it to be kept until morning."

²⁴So they set it aside until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. ²⁵Moses said, "Today eat whatever is left over, for today is a sabbath to the LORD. Today you will not find any around the camp. ²⁶Six days you will gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any."

²⁷On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, but they did not find any.
²⁸The LORD said to Moses, “How long will you people refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? ²⁹Look, the LORD has given you the Sabbath. Therefore on the sixth day he will give you two days’ worth of bread. All of you are to stay where you are. None of you are to leave your places on the seventh day.” ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The house of Israel called it manna. It looked like white coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145³

Refrain

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone

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Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
 his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
 they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
 and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

³ The Book of Psalms was the hymnal of the Old Testament believers. Each psalm was given to them by the Holy Spirit. Today’s psalm reminds us that our sustenance –both physical and spiritual – comes from the Lord, the very Bread of Life himself: “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.”

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him,*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1–5, 11–13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" Moses said to them,

"This is the bread which the Lord has given to you as food to eat." Alleluia.
(Exodus 16:15)

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶Jesus answered them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. ²⁷Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸So they said to him, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?"

²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent."

³⁰Then they asked him, "So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

³²Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴"Sir," they said to him, "give us this bread all the time!"

³⁵"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED⁴

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christians, Haste | CW 901

SERMON⁵

"What Are You Waiting For?"

⁴ The Apostles Creed is nearly 2000 years old. It developed in the Church in connection with Holy Baptism. It still serves several purposes for believers today: 1) To give expression to our faith, 2) To unite believers, 3) To identify ourselves among all the different faiths in the world, 4) To test the beliefs of other churches, 5) To maintain the teachings of our own church in orthodoxy, 6) To encourage each other in the true faith, 7) As a teaching tool for teaching the faith.

⁵ We are grateful to Pastor Chris Cordes for being our guest preacher today. Pastor Cordes serves as chief editor of Northwestern Publishing House in Waukesha, WI. NPH is the official publisher of the WELS.

Please stand when presider indicates

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards. Offering plates are by the doors.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life from heaven. Feed us with your Word of truth. Fill us with your message of salvation and set us free from the power of satan and the fear of death. Let us serve you with joy and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious Savior, bless the proclamation of your Word everywhere so that hearts may be turned from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, deceptive falsehoods and empty philosophies to the certainty of truth and life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Son of God and Mary's Son, let your Word shine in our homes. Give parents a sense that they are the first line of spiritual defense for their children. Put it in our hearts to use your Word in our homes so that your Spirit and grace may dwell with us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bread of Life from heaven, we thank you for the ministry of Northwestern Publishing House. Bless all who work at NPH on our behalf. Keep them faithful to the Bible. Infuse them with creativity so that they may publish materials that will be fresh and relevant to a new generation of believers. Help them by their work to put your life-giving Word into the hands of people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers of intercession

These things we ask with confidence because you have commanded us to pray and you have promised to hear us. In your name we also pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.⁶

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

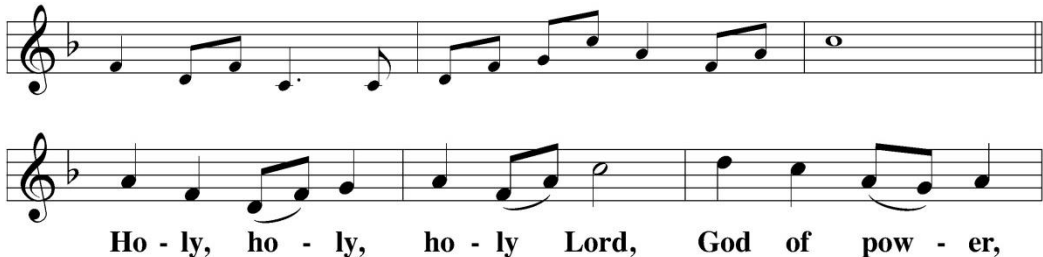
It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY⁷



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,' written below it. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Ho' under the first note, 'ly,' under the second, 'ho' under the third, 'ly,' under the fourth, 'ho' under the fifth, 'ly' under the sixth, 'Lord,' under the seventh, 'God' under the eighth, 'of' under the ninth, 'pow' under the tenth, and 'er,' under the eleventh.

⁶ This greeting marks the beginning “Service of the Sacrament.” We have just concluded the “Service of the Word.”

⁷ The opening words of this liturgical song (Holy, holy, holy) echo the vision of the prophet Isaiah as he stood before the throne of God (Is 6). In a very real sense we are standing in the presence of the Great King who comes to us and gives us His body and blood in the Sacrament.

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -

ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁸

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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.

Amen.

⁸ Why does the pastor make the sign of the cross when he says the word "is?" It is to emphasize the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. The bread and wine do NOT represent Christ's body and blood. It is Christ's body and blood.

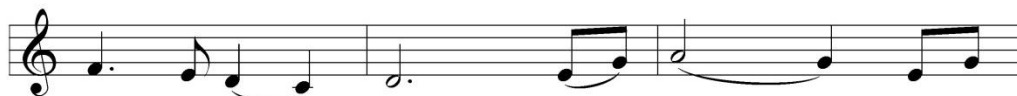
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁹



O Christ, Lamb of



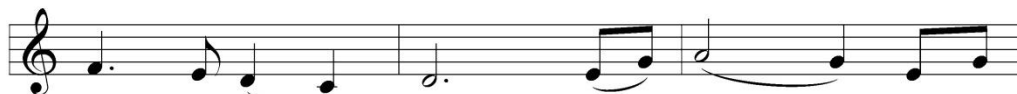
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

⁹ This liturgical song takes us to the heart of the Gospel itself. Christ, the Lamb of Sacrifice, was sacrificed on the cross to atone for the sins of the world – and therefore our sins too! In this Sacrament, we not only commemorate His atoning sacrifice, we actually receive the forgiveness of sins from heaven along with His actual body and blood.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of "Close Communion," meaning we commune members of Peace and churches affiliated with Peace. For further explanation, please see inside the front cover of this bulletin. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy | CW 509
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | CW 667

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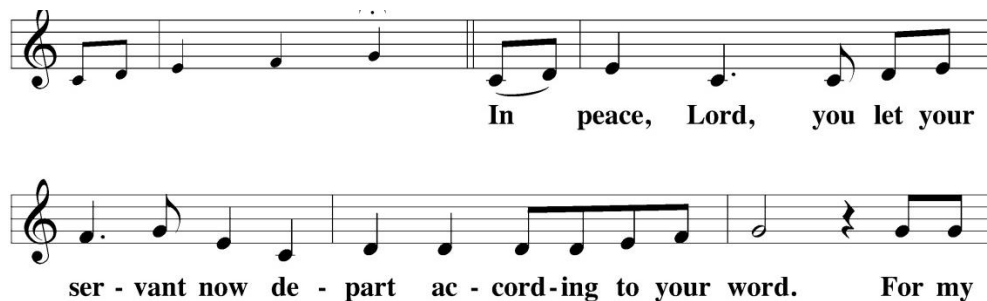
COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | CW93 331



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah,
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan,



Pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
 Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y; Hold me
 Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 Death of death and hell's De - struc - tion, Land me



with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more.
 Be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, st. 1; William Williams, st. 2-3.
 Tune: GUIDE ME (87 87 47) George W. Warren, 1828–1902.