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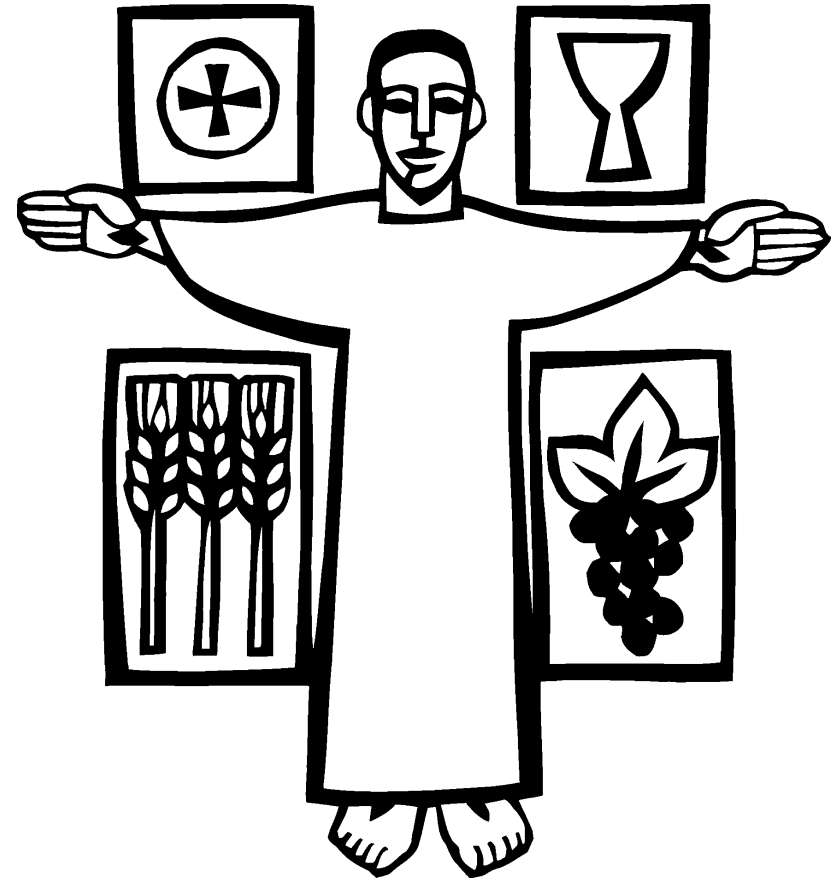


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# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

*Dale Wood*

*(© 1986 The Sacred Music Press)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING

### 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.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

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.**

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### This week's schedule

Today	9 am Faith + Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

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### Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Jeannette Dutcher, Tony Jasinski, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Matthew Shipman, Donna Parrish, Janek Bracken, Anne McHugh, Raelynn Koontz, Sharon Harrell, Michael Elligson, Jim Singer, Debra, Fred Smith, Kathy Thompson, Pat Lambert, Ralph Clark, Bob Murphy, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, Eleni Bowden, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Alice Evans, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, and Donna Bobloch

**For the military and their families:** Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Ernie Schuman

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

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.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

*ELW 689*

*(Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.; Music: Gaelic tune, arr. hymnal version; Text © Oxford University Press; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)*

### 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.**

### KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)

Psalms 34:9-14

- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
- <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
- <sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

- <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the

Save the Date for our Sunday School Kickoff on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have songs, prayers, food and a craft! Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in the fun!



Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.

St. John’s Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!



Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.

Join us for our Community Meal on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. A sign up sheet will be available soon.



Our Wednesday Night Worship will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup> after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors.

Smore’s and More Family Campfire, Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm– 8 pm at the Labyrinth. (Rain date: Sat., September 21<sup>st</sup>). Join us for a fun night of yard games, s’mores, songs, prayer and fellowship by the fireside! Invite your friends and neighbors.



Save the Date! CLAIM Presents Faith & Film Series: The Chosen Season 2. Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm from September 10<sup>th</sup>–October 29<sup>th</sup>. Light dinner followed by viewing and discussion. Watch for more details.

Join us for our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October, 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm—6:30 pm in St. John’s Park. Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a blessing and treat.



## Commemorations

*When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all of our lives. "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith."* (Augsburg Confession)  
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### Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

### Bartholomew, Apostle

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.  
 From sundaysandseasons.com.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

† 9 am—Faith + Fellowship

† 10 am—Worship in-person/Blessing of Backpacks  
 and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the Glory of God.

**We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024.** The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are September 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I 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."  
<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*      **ELW 469**

*(Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Welcome*

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ in this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God**

**And proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE CHURCH**

*After each petition*      Merciful God.  
**Receive our prayer.**

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

*(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**      *With this Cup and with this Bread*      **Ben Logan**

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now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✚ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *O Living Bread of Heaven*      **ELW 542 (vv. 1, 4)**

*(Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*      *James Mansfield*  
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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Linda Wiley
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Acolyte (s)	Alec B.
Lector	Michelle Alkire
Communion Assistant	Michelle Alkire
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

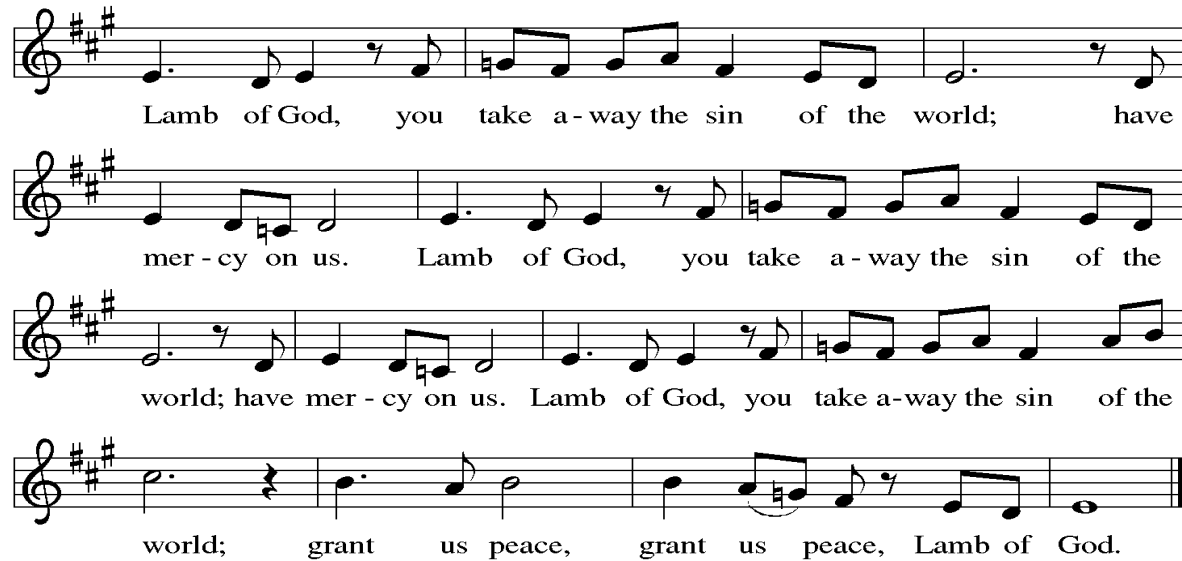
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If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,  
crossing your arms over your chest.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *Come, Let Us Eat*

*ELW 491*

*(Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.; Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.; Text sts. 1-3 © Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and adapt. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

### *We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

*ELW 518*

*(Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997; Music: Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946; Text and music © 1998 World Library Publications)*

*(Please remain seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:  
Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring  
donations on our website [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org). Checks and cash may be placed in  
the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## OFFERING HYMN

### *As the Grains of Wheat*

*ELW 465*

*(Text: Didache, 2<sup>nd</sup> cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

## OFFERING 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

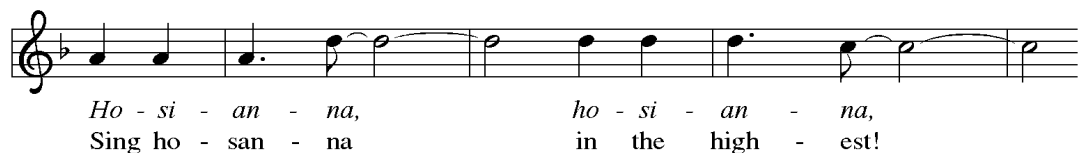
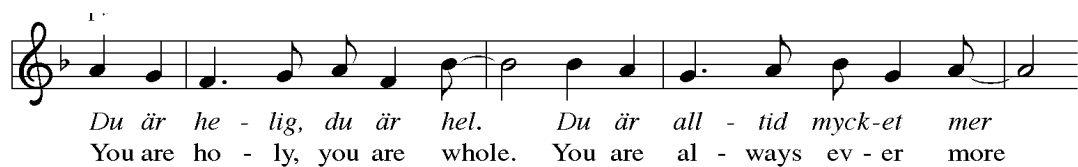
### DIALOGUE

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God of the universe.  
You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.  
When we turned away from our task of sharing,  
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,  
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,  
and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.

You entered human life in Jesus,  
who ate with sinners,  
who fed the thousands with a few loaves,  
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.  
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,  
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.

With the earth and all its creatures,  
with all who have gone before us,  
we give you praise, feeding God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**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.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*