

## August 18, 2024: "Truly Fed"

### Confession and Forgiveness by the Rev. Justin Kosec

Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world. And then you tell us to feed them.

But we struggle with your command. We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts:

What is our compassion among so much pain? What is our small kindness in a system of injustice?

What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society? How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?

**We have simply forgotten that when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.**

**Even when we have tasted the bread you multiply; even when we gather your leftovers, we still find ourselves between your wondrous power and our sinful reality.**

**So we ask for your forgiveness.**

**When you call for our faith, forgive our unbelief. As you prepare our heavenly dwelling, forgive our earthly worries. When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies, forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare.**

**When your gospel challenges us, forgive our irritable complaints.**

**You are patient with us even when we prove fussy and doubtful, reluctant and argumentative.**

People of God, Jesus knows that you are hungry for forgiveness.

So Jesus has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. You are forgiven.

God leavens you with eternal goodness. Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share.

And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the flavor of transformation. You are forgiven.

**God, give us this bread always. Amen.**

### Gathering Song *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.


## 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 (ELW p. 184)

The words "kyrie eleison" are an ancient prayer meaning "Lord have mercy". Some settings of the kyrie are more penitential in nature but this one is an upbeat celebration of God's grace. The worship leaders will sing the verses and the congregation will join on the refrain.

*Refrain*



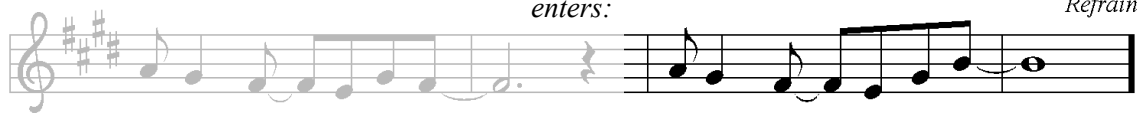
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Each verse ends with:

*Congregation enters:*




*Refrain*


let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 185)


*Refrain*



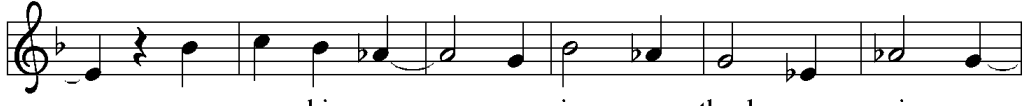
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and




peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

### 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.**

### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

- <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.”

## Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14



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- <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. R**
- <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence | for the Lord.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life  
and desires long life to en- | joy 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. R**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

<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 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel using the words of Peter in John 6:68*

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**

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.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 469)**



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## 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 Intercession

Each petition ends with the words "Merciful God," and the assembly responds with "receive our prayer."

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

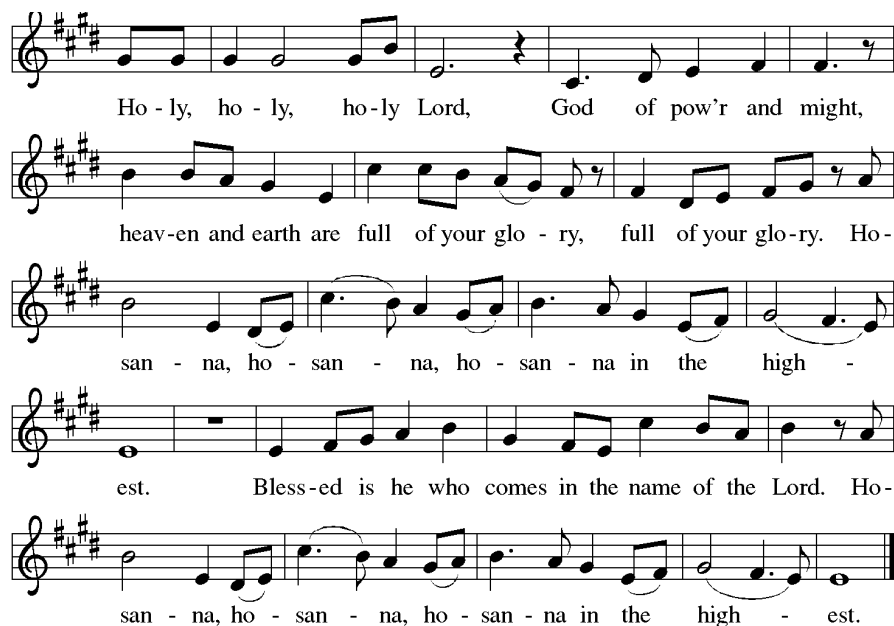
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

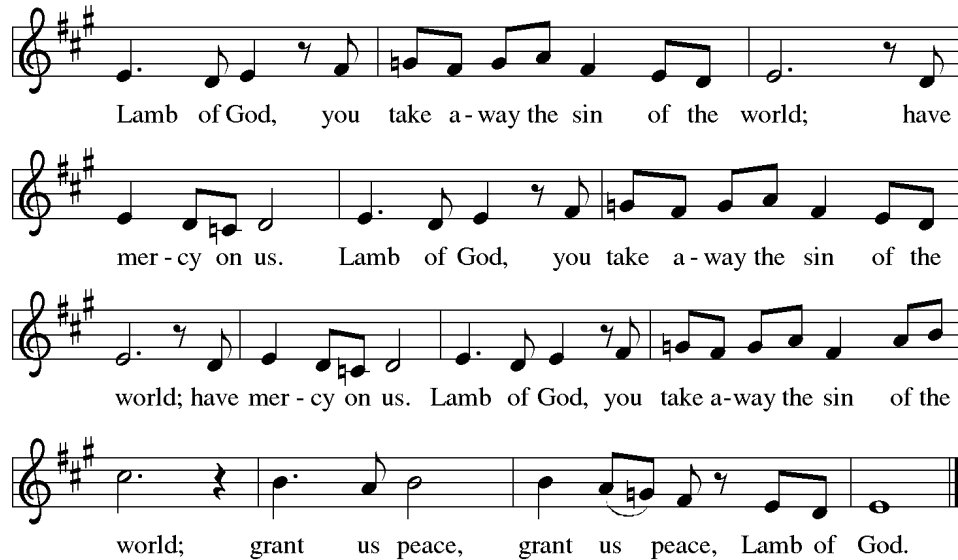
## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

### 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 Song: *I Am the Bread of Life* (ELW 485)

*Copies are printed and in front of you in the pews. Please leave them there. This will be our communion song for the "Bread Of Life" series.*

## Prayer after Communion

### Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.  
Amen.

### Sending Song *We Eat the Bread of Teaching* (ELW 518)

*Refrain*



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er  
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her

hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

*Refrain*



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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