

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C** Amen.
- P** Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P** Eternal God our creator,
- C** **in you we live and move and have our being.**
Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P** Since we are justified by faith alone, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
- C** Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

ELW 452

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Gracious God,

☑ **your blessed son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he will live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we will live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

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."*⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, *"Get up and eat."*⁶ He 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.⁷ The 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."*⁸ He 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

**⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

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

**⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

THE SECOND READING:

Ephesians 4:25- 5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

(*stand*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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.*”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE KINDERGARTNERS

P Heavenly Father, we thank you for this exciting time of new beginnings for these children. We pray your blessing on them on their first day of Kindergarten and throughout the year. May they be filled with anticipation as they begin their school years. Bless them, keep them safe, and may they know the joy of learning. Remind them that even though they are away from home, you are always with them. We pray your blessing, also, on their parents as they experience this milestone with their child. May they gift their children with encouragement, support, and the unconditional love which reflects your grace in their lives. In Jesus' name.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR ALL STUDENTS

P Gracious God, as a new school year is about to begin, we pray your blessing on each of these students. May this year be full of promise for them:

A promise of new beginnings for some and fresh starts for others.

A promise of friendships with classmates and colleagues that refresh the spirit and honor God.

A promise to grow in knowledge and wisdom all the days of their lives.

A promise of safety for each classroom and mutual respect for each student and teacher.

May there be enough challenges in school to call upon their best efforts and enough accomplishments to satisfy and delight them. As their backpacks are filled with books and papers, may these young people be filled with your Holy Spirit, inspired to learn and grow and develop to their fullest potential. May they each reflect your glory and bring the light of your presence into their schools. In Jesus' name.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON TEACHERS AND SCHOOL WORKERS

P Gracious God, you bless us with people to teach our children and to work in our schools. We give you thanks for their lives of service, and we ask that you bless their work. Grant them your Holy Spirit to do your will in all things. Give them insight into your will; the courage to know and do the truth. May we honor and respect them for the important work they do.

C Amen.

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

☑ **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

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Illness: Emalee Gardels, Jr. Green, Eunice Grunberg, Janice Nelson, Gary Rodene, Grant Searcey

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

WE SHARE GOD’S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Panis Angelicus”

arr. Cesar Franck
Stephen Pera, soloist

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

(stand)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW 691

- ☐ **Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.**

**The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**

**Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Merciful God,
- ☐ **you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

SANCTUS

☞ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ **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

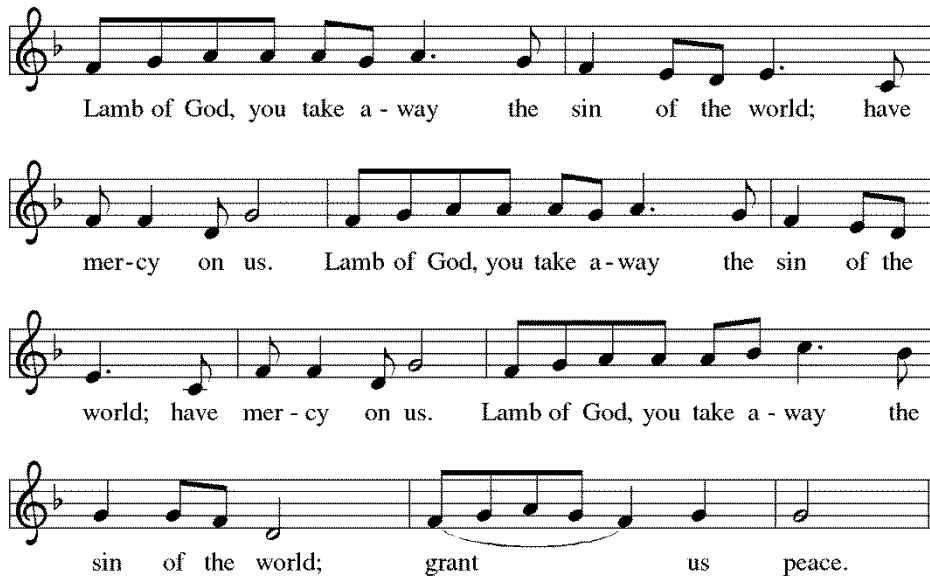
☞ **Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is **intinction**, you will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine. Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

(sit)

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.

(sit)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
“I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW 489

ELW 485

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
- C** you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve
G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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