

Outdoor Worship

August 4, 2024

Opening

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

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.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**God Provides Manna & Quails
for the Israelites in the Wilderness**

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from the area of Elim and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between the area of Elim and the desert of the Sinai on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate bread until we were satisfied! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to bring death to this whole assembly by starvation."

Yahweh said to Moses, "Look, I am going to rain bread from heaven for you all, and the people will go out and glean each day's amount in its day. In that way I will test them, to see whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "At sunset you will know that it is Yahweh who brought you out of the land of Egypt; at daybreak you will see the glory of Yahweh; when he harkens to your complaining against Yahweh. For, what are we, that you complain against us!?"

Moses said, "Since Yahweh gives you meat to eat at sunset, and at daybreak, bread to satisfy; since Yahweh harkens to your complaining that you utter against him--what are we?? Your complaining is not against us but against Yahweh!"

Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Come near, in the presence of Yahweh, for he has harkened to your complaining.'"

Now it was as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of Yahweh could be seen in the cloud.

Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, "I have harkened to the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'In the evening you will eat meat, and at daybreak you will have your fill - you will be

satisfied with bread. Then you will know that I am Yahweh your God."

Now it was at sunset a horde-of-quails came up and covered the camp; and at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "*Mahn hu*/What is it?"

For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat. This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Glean from as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of "what you eat through and breathe through," everyone providing for those in their own tents.'"

The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gleaned much had nothing over, and those who gleaned little had no shortage; they gleaned as much as each of them needed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29

*So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven.*

**God rained down manna upon them to eat
and gave them grain from heaven.**

*So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.*

**God caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and led out the south wind by God's might.**

*God rained down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.*

**God let it fall in the midst of their camp
and round about their dwellings.**

*So they ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And finding him *on the other side* the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the loaf and have been satisfied. Do not do the work of the food which is perishing, but the food which is enduring into life eternal, which the Son of Man will give you! For on him the Father has set the seal of God."

Then they said to him, "What may we do so that we may work the work of God?"

And answering, Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God - that you may have faith in whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you - which work? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen I say to you it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one coming down from heaven and giving life to the world."

They said to him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life.

Whoever is coming to me may never have hunger,
and whoever is having faith in me never may thirst."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Blessed Jesus Living Bread* [tune: ELW 373]



Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, By your self our - souls are fed;
"What is it" old Is - real cried, ate it and we-re sa - tis - fied.
"Who is it" who gives him - self bread-like from the ba - ker's shelf?
We are in that crowd you fed With your blest, a - bun - dant Bread.



Give us all the eyes to see All that you were sent to be.
Now the same pro - li - fic hand feeds them in a bar - ren land.
Ne - ver - end - ing food sup - ply: those who eat it ne - ver die.
Moved by ev - 'ry hu - man care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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 & Passing of the Peace

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah,

reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional *They Came a Milling Crowd* [tune: ELW 454]

¹ They came, a milling crowd,
And gathered round the Lord.
He loved them with
a shepherd's heart
And fed them with his Word.

upon the crumbs
And still are satisfied!

² And then, when evening came,
They hungered and were fed
From offered loaves
he blessed and broke
And made their living bread.

⁴ Once more, O Christ, we come,
A restless, hung'ring throng
To hear your Word
and taste your bread
And sing salvation's song.

³ How great the mystery!
The loaves were multiplied,
And still we feed

⁵ All praise to you, O Christ,
By whom we now are fed.
Our Host, again
you share with us
Yourself, the living bread.

Dismissal **A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!** *C: Thanks be to God!*



Sunday, August 4

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the
Memorial Garden

Monday, August 5

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, August 8

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 11

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

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