

# 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Greensleeves*

## + Gathering +

WELCOME & RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation may stand.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**Forgive us,**

**For the roads that we have blocked,  
For the bridges that we didn't build,  
For the plates we left empty,**

**Forgive us.**

**Empower us to set new paths,  
stretch across old divides,  
and meet one another in the meal of grace.**

Beloved people of God:

Through Christ, the one who opens the path,

Whose body spans our divides,

Whose word is one of compassion,

You are ✝ forgiven. **Amen.**



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?  
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?  
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?  
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?  
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## + Word +

### READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-16

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

<sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 78:23-29

*Read responsively, the congregation reads the verses in bold.*

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation may stand.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell 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. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

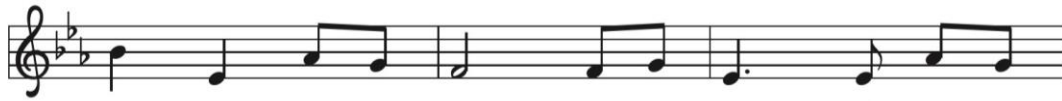
Vicar Alex Linn

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The congregation may stand.*  
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



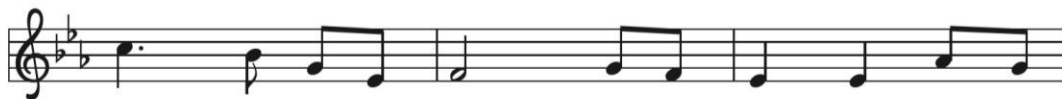
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007  
Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 INTERCESSION

During the green season of abundance, we will have ample time to pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts. You are invited to pray for all things, joys as well as needs through standing, kneeling, or sitting. Let us pray,

As we journey through the long days of summer, the nights are short and the days are long, and you have called us into communion with the earth's seasons. Pray for God's creation... *LONG PAUSE*

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

We live together in communities, yet we are a people of your divine dominion. Pray for just governance and nations... *LONG PAUSE*

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, we often fail to see your image in one another causing us to fall into sins of racism, sexism, hate, and all that we do to separate us from each other. Pray for transformation... *LONG PAUSE*

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

For those who hurt in mind, body, spirit, we pray for your hand. Pray for the healing of one another... *LONG PAUSE*

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting God who raises us out of death, we give thanks for the people who have gone before us into your embrace. Pray for our beloved dead... *LONG PAUSE*

God of grace

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

## + Meal +

### OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



*Andate Espresso (Sonatine)*

by Hedwige Chrétien

### OFFERTORY VERSE

The congregation may stand  
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

D Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/F# G

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the

F#m<sup>7</sup> G/A D Em<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/F# Bm<sup>7</sup>

Lord; we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the

Em<sup>7</sup> GM<sup>7</sup>/A A Dsus D D/F# G

house of the Lord. And we of - fer up to

F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D Dsus/E D/F# D<sup>7</sup>

you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we

G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D

of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with You,**

And also with you

**Lift up your hearts**

We lift them up to the Lord

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We gather at your table . . .

. . . to whom we offer all honor and praise from this day forth and forever more. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

**Our God 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

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

## COMMUNION

*The congregation may be seated.*

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.*



## 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The congregation may stand.*

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, Bread of life,**

**we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,**

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

**In your name we pray. Amen.**

**+ Sending +**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,

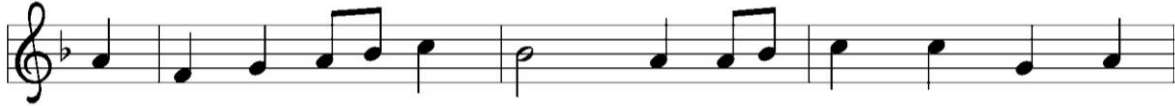
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 480)



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Pax Vobiscum* by Cuthbert Harris

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## SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
<i>Director of Youth &amp; Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Luke Duroc-Danner
<i>Reader:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Usher:</i>	Peter Hauser
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Livestream Camera:</i>	Michel Hauser

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor Transition**

This past Sunday Cathy Nolte, from the Synod was here to discuss the Three Pathways and how that will impact our call. Also this week, the Call Committee met with the Council to discuss the Call Process and how we want to move forward. Over the last several months St. John's has been evaluating the Three Pathways document with the Synod in hopes of finding the best way for our congregation to stay strong and vibrant in the future. This has been a long but valuable process. Thanks to everyone's contributions, we are close to a decision on how to move forward.

Following worship today, some of the Call Committee and Council members will host a "Call Process Questions" table. **Going forward, Call Committee and Council members will provide regular updates on Sunday mornings as well as via regular emails. Please read this section of the eNews to stay informed.**

### **Service Sunday**

Our next Service Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, August 18**. As part of the worship service, we will be preparing sandwiches and bag meals for the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Please mark this date on your calendars and come for church and to work together on this special service project. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

### **Worship at the Beach with St. Timothy's, Skokie**

**Date: Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**Location: Gillson Park, Wilmette - Picnic Area 2**

**Worship Time: 9:30 am**

**Picnic Lunch to follow, with games for all ages! We have the picnic area until 2:00 p.m.**

In preparation for our picnic, we are looking for three people who would be willing to be the grillers, and 2-3 people willing to help bring supplies to the park. Please let Jan know if you are willing to help. This event is always enjoyed by all who attend. It's an end of summer celebration and a chance to reconnect as we look forward to the fall season. This year, St. Timothy's, Skokie, will be joining us! Bring family and friends! All are welcome! Continue to check the upcoming E-news editions for further details.

### **GoodFest**

GoodFest is just around the corner. We're thrilled to have Tributosaurus join us once again, and this year local fave, Antler Chandelier, will be with us as well. Woot! Stay tuned for ways you can help, we can't

pull this off without you! In the meantime, help us spread the word so we can share more with Family Promise and get your tickets now! Check out the ticket links in the E-news to purchase your tickets!

### **Take Care Packing Events**

We had two Take Care packing events this week. On Monday evening we gathered with the folks from Evanston's Beth Emet and made over 100 packs to share with the newly arriving families that are being sent to the [Wilmette](#) from Texas. On Wednesday we continued on, organizing letters that explained their rights and what the next steps would be like for them. Thanks, Vicar, for this idea! We made so many packs that we ran out of a lot of the supplies. You can help us get more of the supplies needed. Use the link in the E-news. As the Chicago Tribune wrote, the migrants said these packages were the only thing they had received since they had gotten into our country.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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|---|---|
| † Family & friends of Rena<br>Leinberger, wife of Karl and<br>mother of Shayna, Brandon and<br>Jordan, who passed away<br>4/26/24 | † Margaux Tauszig,<br>granddaughter of Wolf<br>Peddinghaus                            |
| † Sandy Kaspar, sister of Bill<br>Kaspar, recovering from<br>abdominal surgery  | † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave<br>& Lyn Brunn, recovering from<br>spinal cord injury |
| † Tom Fries, friend of Jim Dossa,<br>cracked vertebrae  |   |
| † Family & friends of Lorraine<br>Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24  |   |
| † Buckley Crist   |   |
| † Family & friends of Peter<br>Knobel, who died 1/13/24   |   |
| † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye<br>Smith  |   |
| † Family and Friends of Hing<br>You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of<br>Jim Dossa, who passed away                                       |   |

## NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Hedwige Chrétien (1859-1944) was a French composer and music teacher. She was born in Compiègne, but little else is known of her early life until she enrolled in the Paris Conservatoire. She studied organ with César Franck alongside composition and music theory. She won several prizes beginning in 1875, and she wrote often for brass and wind instruments. She married a fellow student, the Flautist Paolo Gennaro, in 1887, and in 1889 she joined the staff at the Conservatoire to teach music theory. She would later resign her teaching position in order to focus on composition, and she went on to compose over 250 works including many chamber pieces, orchestral works, two comic operas, over 70 mélodies, and a ballet. Later in her life, she returned to the organ with renewed interest and wrote extensively for the instrument until her death.

Cuthbert Harris (1870-1932) was an English organist and composer. Born in London, he studied at the London Organ school and went on to become a Fellow at the Royal College of Organists. He played for most of his career at St. Andrew's and St. Leonard's parishes in Stratham, London. In his day, he was most well known as a teacher of music theory, and he often taught his courses by correspondence. He went on to publish several method books on music theory, piano, and organ. As a composer, he wrote predominantly sacred works for choir or for organ solo - though he did write a small collection of secular songs.