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### AS WE GATHER

#### Nuthin' like It!

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever"? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say "thank You" to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of "His steadfast love." In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated "steadfast love" reflects not only God's general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people's entire lives and well-being. Jesus' provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as "our daily bread" call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the "rich food" God provides "that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:2-3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord's steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God's steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

**PRELUDE** *"Be Thou My Vision," by Dan Forrest, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner*  
**WELCOME**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN** "How Can I Thank You, Lord" #703  
*Please stand as you are able for the last verse.*

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 43:4; 136:1*

**Pastor:** I will go to the altar of God,

**People:** **to God my exceeding joy.**

**Pastor:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**People:** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18*

**Pastor:** Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

**People:** **Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.**

**Pastor:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**KYRIE**

**Pastor:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy on us.**



**PSALM** *Psalm 136:1–9;*  
 Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
 Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
 Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: to him who made the great lights,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
 Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**People:** **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

**EPISTLE** Romans 9:1-13 *(Not all Israel are Israel.)*  
 Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE** *Psalm 78:25*  
 Pastor: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;  
**People:** **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 14:13-21 *(Jesus' compassion on a great crowd.)*  
 Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
*The Gospel is read.*  
 Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED** *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #641

## SERMON Rev. Paul Mehl

### OFFERING and OFFERTORY

*"O Lord, How Shall I Greet Thee," arranged by Mark Albrecht for trumpets and organ*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, we give You thanks because Your steadfast love endures forever—that purposeful, active love by which You sent Your only-begotten Son into this desolate world to bring a new creation. In Christ, You have saved us by the forgiveness of all our sin. In Christ, You give all who receive Him a new heart and holy purpose to love one another. In Christ, You provide for all our needs of body and soul, leading us to the joyful feast of eternal life. Grant to all who look to You for life and help a firm faith and thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as You miraculously fed the crowds who followed You in the wilderness, so provide wisdom and integrity to all public servants in the government of our land. Cause righteousness and peace to prevail in all the nations of the world that justice and freedom may abide among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Savior of all, as You had compassion and healed the sick of the multitudes who sought Your help, give to all pastors and ministers of Your Word that same love and care for all in their charge. Cause the Word they preach and the Sacraments they administer to deliver and strengthen faith and wholeness to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless all who are sick, those who are injured or hospitalized, and all who are in any need with the healing of Your graceful visitation. Guide doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel to deliver Your gift of wellness and recovery, especially those we remember before You this day, Liz, Betty Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta. Grant Your grace to all who look to You for their salvation and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Remembering with love and thanksgiving all those who have gone before us, we ask to be included in their fellowship both here by Your grace and in eternity by Your mercy, not counting our merits but solely by Your own compassion and promise.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

### **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **SANCTUS**

*pew hymnal #208*

♪ **Ho-ly; ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name  
Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

## **AGNUS DEI** *pew hymnal #210*

♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION**    *"What is This Bread?," arranged by Ralph C. Shultz*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**        *pew hymnal #211*

♪ O Lord, now let Your servant, depart in heav'nly peace.  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill;  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

### **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor:     Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a  
foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's  
body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our  
days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,  
together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the  
Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:     Amen**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor:     The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:     Amen.**

**HYMN**        "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"        #651

**POSTLUDE**        *"Trumpet Voluntary in G," by David Lasky*