welcome to worship

CREATED TO BE: BREAD FOR THE WORLD

August 4, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am

The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. George and Kartsonakis

WELCOME Deacon Tom

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, 4 the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Caitlyn

READING

2 Kings 4:42-44 (The Message)

A reading from 2 Kings.

⁴²One day a man arrived from Baal Shalishah. He brought the man of God twenty loaves of freshbaked bread from the early harvest, along with a few apples from the orchard.

Elisha said, "Pass it around to the people to eat."

⁴³ His servant said, "For a hundred men? There's not nearly enough!"

Elisha said, "Just go ahead and do it. God says there's plenty."

⁴⁴ And sure enough, there was. He passed around what he had—they not only ate, but had leftovers.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 515 Break Now the Bread of Life – stanzas 1 and 3

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-14 (The Message)

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

- 6 ¹⁻⁴ After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee (some call it Tiberias). A huge crowd followed him, attracted by the miracles they had seen him do among the sick. When he got to the other side, he climbed a hill and sat down, surrounded by his disciples. It was nearly time for the Feast of Passover, kept annually by the Jews.
- ⁵⁻⁶ When Jesus looked out and saw that a large crowd had arrived, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread to feed these people?" He said this to stretch Philip's faith. He already knew what he was going to do.
- ⁷Philip answered, "Two hundred silver pieces wouldn't be enough to buy bread for each person to get a piece."
- ⁸⁻⁹ One of the disciples—it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter—said, "There's a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that's a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this."
- ¹⁰⁻¹¹ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted.
- ¹²⁻¹³ When the people had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted." They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The people realized that God was at work among them in what Jesus had just done. They said, "This is the Prophet for sure, God's Prophet right here in Galilee!"

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

The assembly is seated. SERMON

Pastor Tom

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes ... In your mercy, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERING HYMN

ELW 689 Praise and Thanksgiving

The assembly stands.
HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us: 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.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast | ELW 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

ELW 547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Boud

WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space.

THE PRIVACY ROOM at the back of the worship space is available if your child needs a little extra wiggle room.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED the week of August 5. If you need assistance that week you can leave a voicemail on the main number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Interested in joining the team? Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788.

OUR VOLUNTEER GROUNDS CREW needs some additional members! Contact John Lehr with questions or interest—johnt.lehr@gmail.com.

SUMMER CHOIR will sing August 18, and September 8. If you would like to be part of summer choir, meet in the choir loft at 9:00 am on those Sundays to learn fun, simple music to sing in 10:00 worship. Everyone is welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION will gather in the privacy room at 9am Sunday mornings to talk about God moments and highs and lows of the week - all are welcome!

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Break Now the Bread of Life



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We Come to the Hungry Feast

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



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