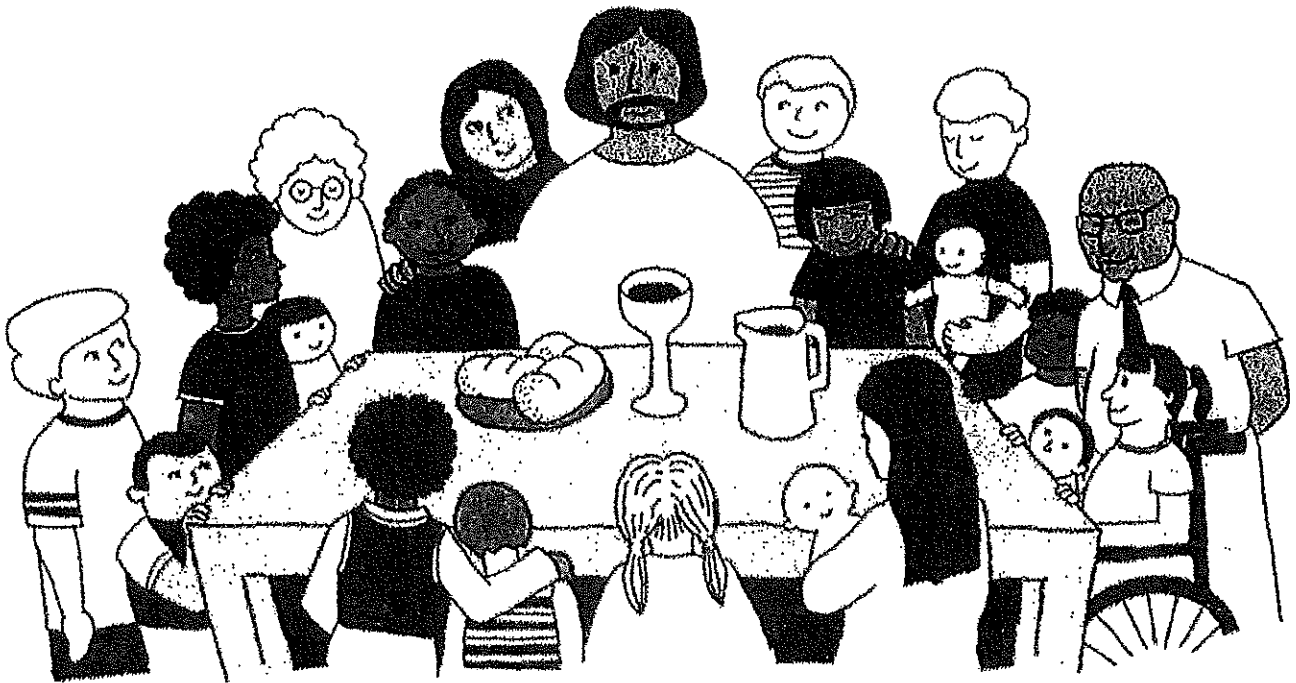


*welcome to worship*  
**A PLACE AT THE TABLE:  
COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

January 28, 2024 ♦ 10:00 am



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*The assembly's responses are in bold print.*

PRELUDE

*Gather Us In*

Honoré

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

*The assembly remains seated.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,...the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands at the introduction to the hymn.*

GATHERING HYMN

*ELW 522 As We Gather at Your Table*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in ourselves, but in you and your love for us. May we eat and drink Christ's body and blood, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Caitlyn

The Last Supper

*Retold by Ralph Milton for children in today's world*

*Based on Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:17-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*Read by members of the communion class*

Peter's head was spinning. So much had happened that night. The disciples and Jesus had come together to have their Passover supper.

At first there was lots of happy talk. Peter had even tried to tell a joke, but of course he didn't get it right. Peter was never good at telling jokes.

Peter noticed that Jesus seemed very quiet. "It looks as if Jesus is hurting deep down inside," Peter thought.

The meal was almost over when they found out that Judas would try to hurt Jesus. They wondered what Judas would do. They were afraid. Very afraid. They knew the rulers had been trying to get rid of Jesus. Would Judas help them?

Then Jesus spoke. He spoke ever so quietly, but the disciples heard every single word.

"My dear friends," he said. "Let's say thank you to God for this meal. Let's pray together."

"O God, thank you for this food. Amen."

Then Jesus took a loaf of bread. He broke it into pieces and gave a piece to each of the disciples.

"Think of this bread as my body," Jesus said. "It will be broken for you."

Then Jesus picked up the wine. "Think of this wine as my blood. My blood will be poured out for you." Then Jesus gave each of the disciples some of the wine to drink.

"Do you remember the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah and to all the Hebrew people? It was God's covenant. God promised to love us always. To be with us forever. And God gave us a rainbow so we would remember that covenant.

"I am giving you God's promise again. A new covenant from God. From now on, whenever you eat and drink, remember God's covenant. Live in God's way. Live the way I showed you."

## SERMON

*The assembly stands.*

## 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

*Each petition concludes...* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude ...* trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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? Text to 610-624-8412 or scan the QR code to the right.*



OFFERING HYMN     *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (sung to the tune: "Nettleton")*

♫ **Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.  
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.  
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.  
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.**

**Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,  
But they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise  
For the host who has invited north and south and east and west  
To converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.**

**Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised  
By the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes  
When he blesses bread and breaks it – truth and manna from above! –  
And then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.**

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*The assembly stands.*

WELCOME TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION

*The assembly is seated.*

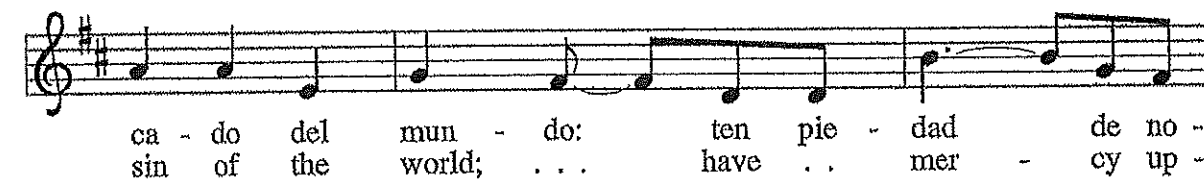
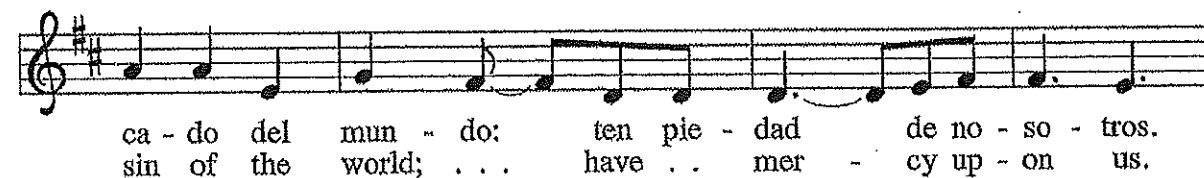
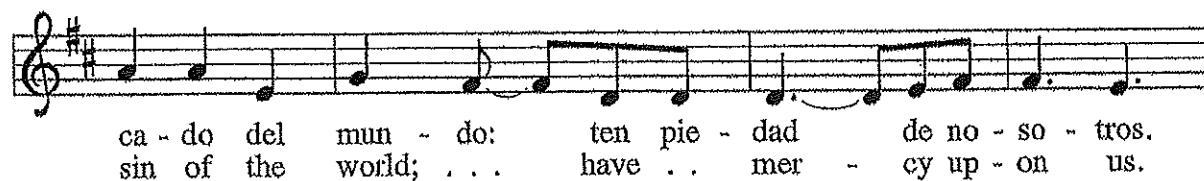
DISTRIBUTION

*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

*Lamb of God (sing in English)*



ANTHEM *A Place at the Table*

*Choir:* For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born a star overhead.

*Refrain (ALL SING):*

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!". The notation includes various musical symbols such as beams, slurs, and a final double bar line.

And God will de - light when  
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,  
yes, God will de - light when  
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
jus - tice and joy!

*Choir:* For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *Refrain*

*Choir:* For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of the child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. *Refrain*

*Choir:* For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN

*ELW 482 I Come with Joy*

*The assembly stands.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*ELW 477 I Received the Living God – stanzas 1 and 4*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Honoré

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Eight children have completed our "A Place at the Table" communion class:

Evangelina Loose

Liam Martin

Camryn Huber

Raven Mikucki

Lynn Garipoli

Eliana Rowe

Elijah Hershey

Ainsley Marrella

Today we celebrate with them as they participate in worship and receive communion with their families.

**Assisting with Worship**

Sharon Stoner, greeter

Daral Woerle, head usher

April Mulvey, assisting minister

Bryan Wang, Karen Wang, Sue Ziemer, Tom Ziemer, communion assistants

Tom Endy, Thomas Gentry, audio/visual

Patrick and Teresa Detweiler, nursery

Susan Mehos, altar captain

Matt Lepera, sexton

Atonement Choir

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. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are donated in loving memory of Solomon F. and Phyllis E. Peters, by their daughter Dr. Ariana Peters Patnode.

FAITH FORMATION for all ages continues Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45am.

THE NURSERY is available for preschool aged children and younger in Room F126 during 10:00 am worship.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are 10:30am-2:30pm Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.

PICKLEBALL in the Atonement gym continues Sunday afternoons, 3-5pm. All are welcome, no need to register, just show up for fun, exercise, and fellowship. Equipment is available to use. Beginner and instructional play 3-4, more advanced play 4-5.

COMMON GROUND IS IN NEED of the following items: reusable shopping bags, sample toiletries, men's and women's underwear (sizes M, L, XL; must be new), men's and women's socks. Bring donations to the church during office hours or Sunday morning.

FOOD DONATIONS of canned goods, cereal, and other non-perishable items for Lutheran Pantry are always accepted in the grocery card in the narthex.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE classes for children 3rd grade will begin in February. Contact Caitlyn at [cmarrella@atonementwyo.org](mailto:cmarrella@atonementwyo.org) if your child would like to participate.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION opens February 6. Contact Jen Dauber at [jdauber@atonementwyo.org](mailto:jdauber@atonementwyo.org) to schedule a tour of the preschool.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF will be Sunday, February 4 in Lundin Hall. We are in need to volunteers to help with the event and contestants to bring chili. Watch your email for details and a sign-up to participate.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING will be Sunday, February 11, in the nave following the 10:00am worship.

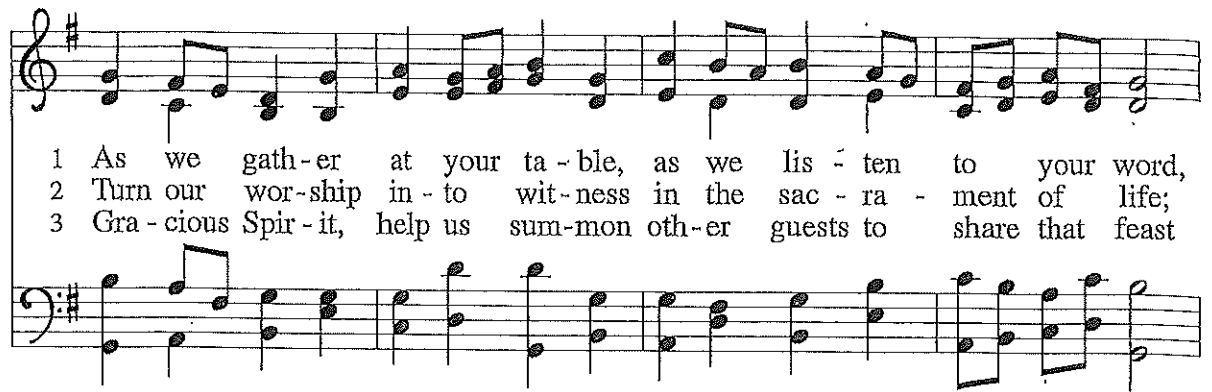
NEWSPAPERS are needed for the preschool. If you have old newspapers to donate, please place them in the box labeled for newspapers on the bench in the narthex.

MARDI GRAS PARTY, Friday, February 9, 6-8pm in Lundin Hall. All are invited for dinner and dancing! Sponsored by Atonement Christian Preschool.

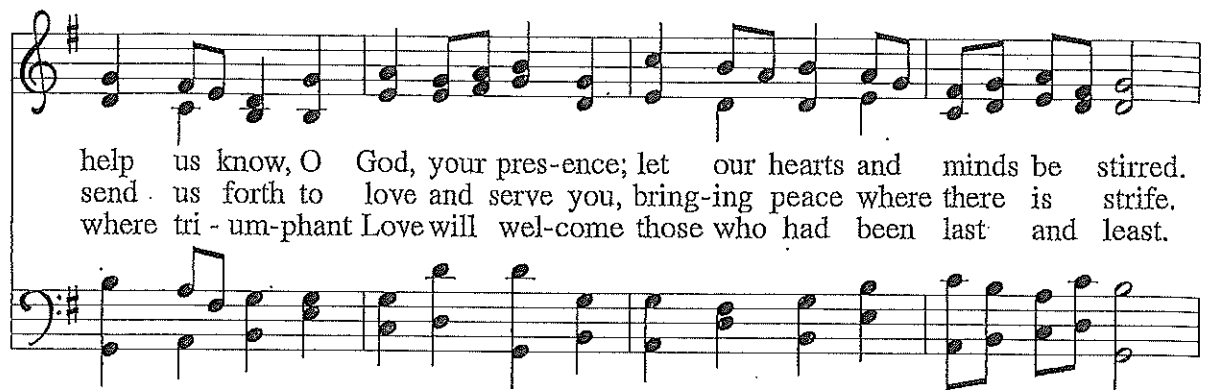
CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, February 7, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir room, and will continue every Wednesday through March 20. All children Grades K-6 are invited to join. Please see Deacon Tom for more details.



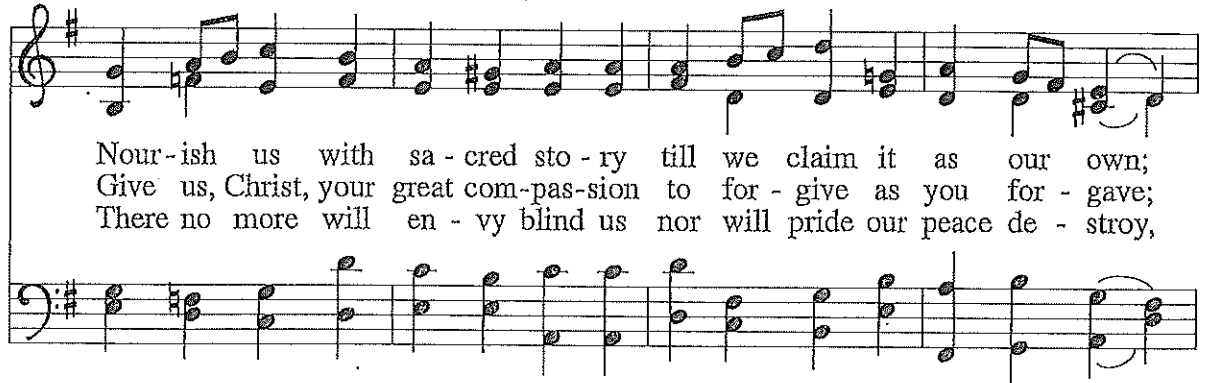
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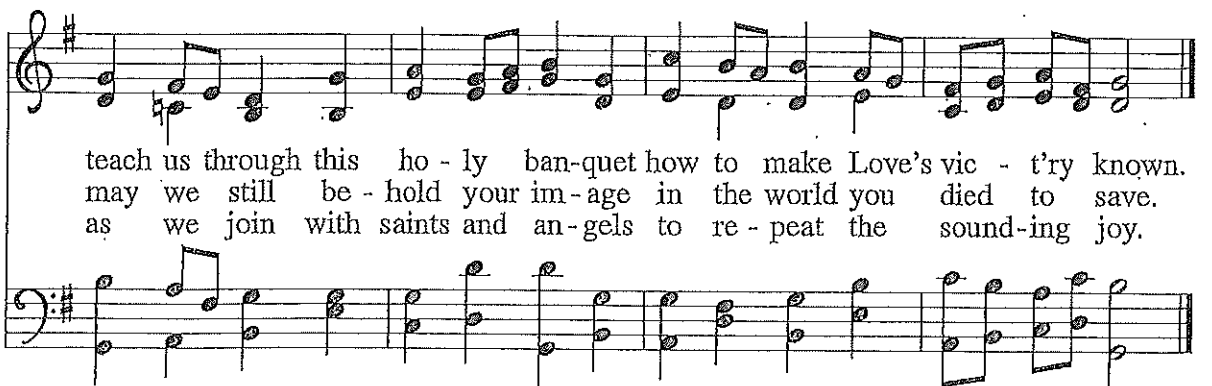
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

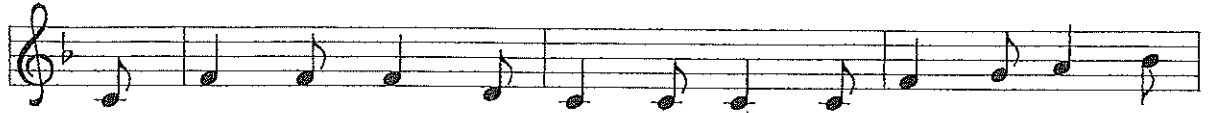
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# I Come with Joy



- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
- 2 I. come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
- 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
- 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



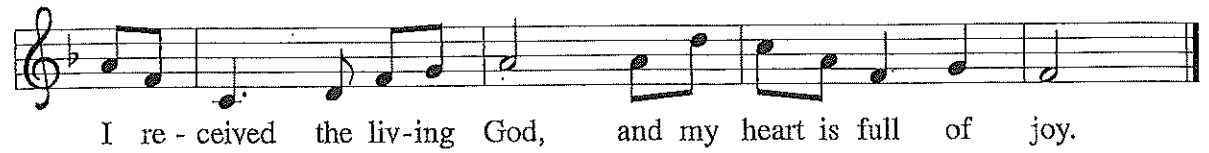
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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# I Received the Living God



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
 Music: Anonymous

LIVING GOD  
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