

Sending

BLESSING:

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **C Amen.**

Please put your mask on for the Singing of the Hymn.

SENDING HYMN: #542 - O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.
- 2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while
here my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

DISMISSAL P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**
Usher will dismiss by pews. Please do not congregate in the back of the church.

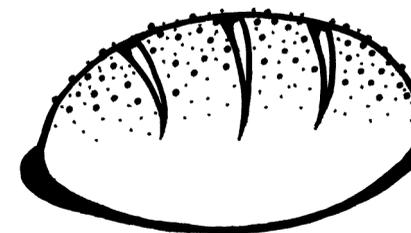
ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Worship is ended—The Service begins!

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Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission statement: "We celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and sharing His Word and caring for God's creation."



Pastor: Mary Anne Kingsborough
Pastor Emeritus: Thomas W. Rundell

Ministers:
All Members of the Congregation

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

10:30am Indoor Service of Word and Sacrament

*Welcome to Concordia Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Columbia, Pennsylvania*

Welcome, worshipers!

- Entry/Exit through front doors only
- Usher will seat you.
- Please maintain social distancing between households.
- Please wear a mask over your nose and mouth (even if vaccinated) while singing, and when out of your seat.
- Please do not congregate at back of church. You may visit with others outside.
- Please sanitize your hands upon entering, bathroom usage, and exiting the building.
- Please be understanding!

INTRODUCTION Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

PRELUDE

Confession and Forgiveness (Please stand.)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

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

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. C **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us Pray:

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. C **Amen.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy cath-
olic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the res-
urrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the
church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes with:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of
your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Meal

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Him thanks and praise.

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, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love and peace of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C Amen.

(Please be seated.)

The Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget
God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God
miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

Word of God! Word of Life! **C Thanks Be To God!**

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**
²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶ **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

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(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.)

ACCLAMATION *(Spoken)*

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the Sixth Chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON *(Children may come forward.)*

SERMON

(Silence for reflection and prayer)

(Please put your mask on for the Singing of the Hymn.)

HYMN OF THE DAY #618-Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

(Please Stand)