

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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In today's Word from Isaiah, God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Communion table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

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Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in the mercy of God, let be still before God, confessing our sin and listening for mercy.

God of abundant peace,

We admit our failings and mistakes to you.

**We confess our desire to control and constrain your love,
we own our struggle to live as your Word invites us to live.**

We allow other, less-worthy voices to shape us,

We lash out in fear and self-righteousness rather than listen with compassion.

God of abundant peace, we admit our failings and mistakes to you.

We hope now in your forgiveness, we stand humbled before your extravagant love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

People of God,

Remember how loved you are by God! Through generous compassion and endless faithfulness, God forgives us all our sins through Jesus Christ. Let us open our lives to the call of discipleship and the invitation to be healers of hurts and restorers of that which is broken. Let us extend the wide welcome of God to all the world. **We will and we ask God to help and guide us. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5

1Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

13Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Hymn
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Bread of Life From Heaven

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Prayers of Intercession

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
That we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of our Creator, Redeemer + and Sustaining One. Amen.

Dismissal

Amen, We Sing Your Name

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Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**