

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

Pentecost 10 – July 25 & 28, 2024

SERVICE THEME: Jesus Feeds the Body and the Soul

Liturgy: Setting 1; To prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper please review Christian Questions (p. 295 in the blue hymnal). Personal prayers are found on the inside cover.

HYMN 909 ♪ O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

- 1 O Lord, our God, your gracious hand has crowned our lives with blessing;
your goodness has enriched our land with gifts for our possessing.
Our homes, our food, and ev'ry good for earthly work and living,
abundant wealth and life and health your faithful love is giving.
- 2 For ev'ry earthly grace and gift we thank you, dearest Father;
now teach us, Lord, our thoughts uplift that heav'nly fruit we gather.
Our fathers knew and kept in view true wisdom's worth and pleasure;
they prized as jewels their Christian schools and left a lasting treasure.
- 3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise for blessings you have given;
be with us still in future days to guide our youth to heaven.
Lord, grant that we may clearly see the worth of Christian training
that youth may grow your love to know, eternal riches gaining.
- 4 Your Word alone, great God of pow'r, can feed our soul and spirit.
Christ's love gives strength for ev'ry hour without our deeds or merit.
Grant schools that teach and men who preach true Christian education;
let youth grow strong by Word and song in ev'ry land and nation.

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STAND

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

With his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For knowledge and understanding that all our needs are met from above, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For an attitude of graciousness and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: O Lord, by your Spirit grant us these things. Help, save, comfort, and guide us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

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C: ♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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FIRST READING – Exodus 16:1-15

“The Lord Graciously Supplies”

¹The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.”

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’ ”

¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

¹¹The Lord said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 9:8–11

“The Lord Abundantly Supplies”

⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 145:15,16

M: Alleluia. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Alleluia.



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GOSPEL – Mark 6:35–44

“The Lord Graciously and Abundantly Supplies”

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN 827 ♪ Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the source of ev’rything, your treasure shall remain.
Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; he makes your burdens light.
- 2 Did not his love and truth and pow’r guard ev’ry childhood day?
And did he not in threat’ning hour turn dreaded ills away?
He always will with patience chide, his rod falls gently down;
and all your sins he casts aside in ocean depths to drown.

**3 His wisdom never plans in vain nor falters nor mistakes;
all that his counsels may ordain a blessed ending makes.
Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, and trust his guiding love;
then like a rock your peace shall stand here and in heav'n above.**

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SERMON TEXT – Exodus 16:2-15 (See the First Reading)

SERMON THEME – “God, Are You There?”

STAND

- 1. God Sees and Knows Our Issues**
- 2. We See His Glory**

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- 3. He Keeps His Promises**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERING HYMN 597 🎵 **Now Thank We All Our God**

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**1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

M: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

M: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

M: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

M: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity...

[Special prayers and intercessions may be spoken at this time]

M: We commit them to your gracious hand and blessing.

C: Grant them your love and take them into your tender care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

[Silent prayer]

M: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

STAND

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of our grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.

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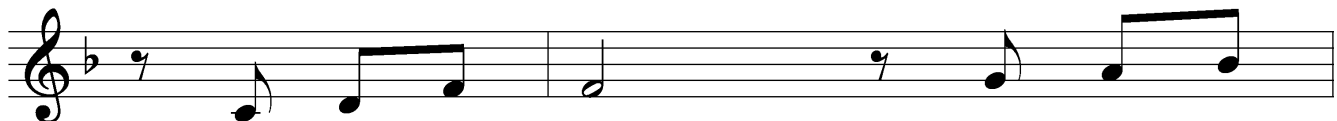
HYMN 509 ♪ Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

1 Feed your children, God most holy; comfort sinners poor and lowly.
Jesus, bread of life from heaven, bless the food you here have given.
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish
till with saints in heav'nly splendor at your feast due thanks we render.

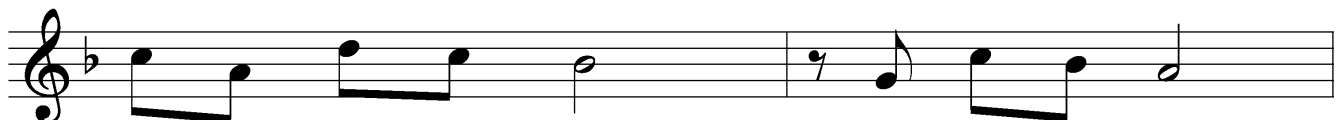
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HYMN 665 ♪ What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod	-	y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood	of	
3	So	who	am	I,	that	I	should	
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes!	By	
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am	for	-



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My God, my God, why have you not for - sak - en
he makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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STAND

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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