

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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.

Our Guest Preacher this morning is Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee.

During the past 15 months of the pandemic while many congregations have been in Live Stream mode, NW Washington Synod staff members have made recorded sermons available to congregations on the first Sunday of each month. The final synod staff sermon is scheduled for the first week of September.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Jim Hunt, violin

WELCOME

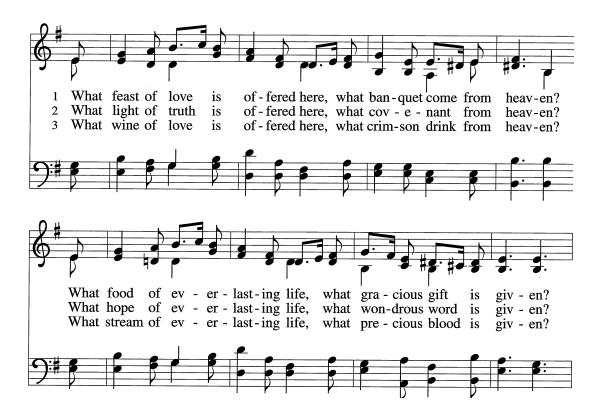
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS from the Font

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*
- P God, our provider, help us.
- C It is hard to believe there is enough to go around; 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 that 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.
- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished, and there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, God's mercy is made clear: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

What Feast of Love

ELW #478



⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to

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wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

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. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

This. this

This. this

This, this

is

is

is

Christ the king,

Christ the king,

Christ the king,

- С And also with you.
- Ρ Let us pray together: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and С
- are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you,

the bread come down from

come down from

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+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-14

Liz Hernandez

Oh, taste and sing! How and sweet the man see na giv en! Oh. see and sing! The hear and Word of God is giv en! Oh. taste The and see and sing! Son of God is giv _ en!

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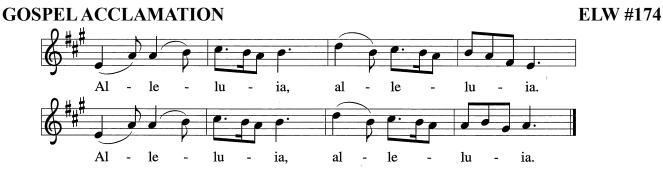
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of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th 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.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW #618



APOSTLES' 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 into hell.

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

Dustin Smith

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

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

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OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

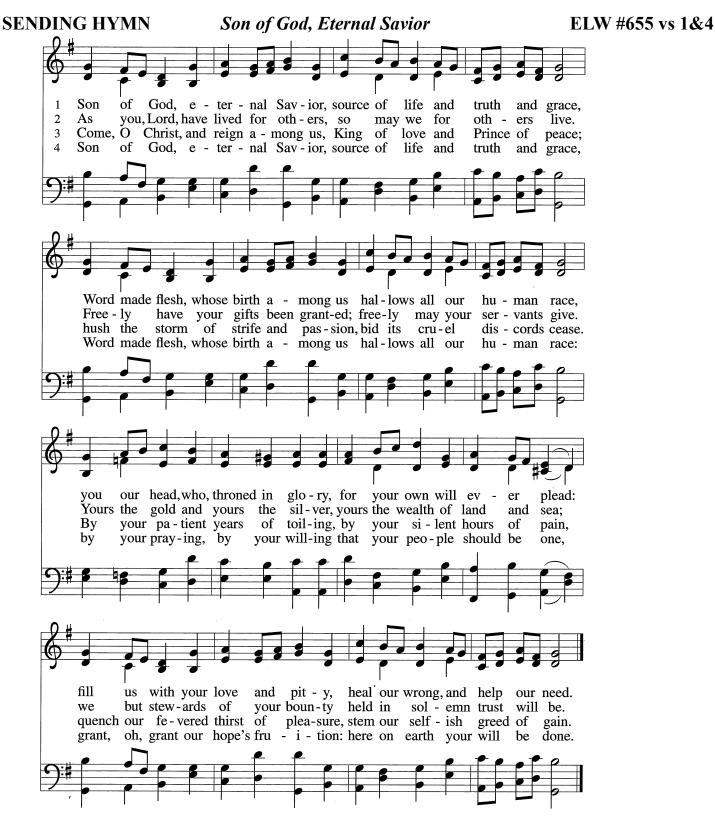
- L Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

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



- P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E Major

J. S. Bach

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Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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