

Pentecost 10, August 1, 2021, **Order of Worship**

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship, Psalm 78:23-29 (pew Bible p. 916) Psalm 78 as a whole repeats the holy history of the years between the Exodus and the time when King David began his rule on Mt. Zion. God's faithfulness over against the ongoing rebellion of the chosen people is the theme of the day, heard again in the reading from Exodus and in the gospel. We read responsively:

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: 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.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* (1,2,4) LBW 358, ELW 647, HP 8515

***Kyrie** LBW p. 78

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***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. **Amen.**

A reading from Exodus, the 16th chapter (16:2-4, 9-15) pew Bible, p. 112

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. (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 233, Augsburg Fortress).

[After the reading: "The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**]

A reading from Ephesians, the 4th chapter (1-16) pew Bible, p. 1821

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 (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 233, Augsburg Fortress).

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

***Gospel John 6:24-35**

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *I Am the Bread of Life* WoV 702, ELW 485, HP 5867
(Pastor sings verses, congregation sings refrain)

***The Apostle's Creed** LBW p. 85

***The Prayers of the Church** (Response to "Hear us, O God" is "**your mercy is great.**")

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Benediction

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

***Sending Hymn** *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (1,2,3) LBW 364, ELW 655, HP 1708

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

*The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ*
—Ephesians 4.11-12

And some would be listeners, and some good humorists,
some lovers of babies, some survivors, some singers.
Some are hoppers, some healers, some encouragers.
Some are dreamers, some organizers, some workers.
No two sets of gifts are alike. None are inferior.
All are for building up, not tearing down,
all for the whole body, not themselves.
And no one is without. To be is to be gifted.

They are not talents, skills, privileges or obligations.
They are gifts. To be received. To be given.

Listen, believer, for the echo of your own calling,
the song of your own gifts. Listen, and follow.
Listen for the voice of one another's gifts,
for everyone you meet is gifted.

We equip one another for love.

Deep Blessings,
Pastor Steve

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