

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken, arr. M. Burkhardt

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

People: but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

People: Come, let us worship and give thanks.

***HYMN 396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, Holy Manna

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1 Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

2 Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

3 Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.

4 Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ (*continue with individual confession...*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son

People: Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

Leader: Believe the gospel;

People: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 78: 23-29

Yet God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus 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. Do 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."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus 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.

SERMON

The Food That Endures

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Eternal God (*prayer continues...*)
We pray in the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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Notturmo, from Mendelssohn, H. Ernst

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (congregation prays in silence)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 460**

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Break Thou the Bread of Life, Bread of Life

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Give Me Jesus, arr. M. Hayes

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Worship Notes:

–Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex.

–Please note that Pastor Scott will be away August 2-9. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Sandy Nuernberg at 608-695-4248 or sn333@aol.com (or the church office.)

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Personnel: Erin Nass, violin

Liturgist: Richard Appen

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Ushers: Bob Klassy &



ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supplies

Westminster's Adopt-a-School Partner Thoreau Elementary School is requesting school supplies for students in need. Because the school was mostly online, more than the usual number of first time attending students are expected. Needed items are:

Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred), scissors, glue, crayons (Crayola preferred), and colored pencils. We also plan to provide 60 backpacks with encouraging notes. If you'd rather leave the shopping to us, feel free to make checks payable to Westminster and write "school supplies" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Summer Backyard Book Groups - Feel free to still join even if you missed one!

Registration is encouraged in order to give the host an idea participants (email or Narthex)

-Lynette Tortorich leads *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead on Thursday July 29 at 7pm on the patio at church.

-Kathy and Chuck Kamp lead *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead on Thursday August 5 at 4pm in the backyard of their home at 4006 Cherokee Drive.

-Upcoming: Pastor Scott will be leading the final book group for *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas at 4pm on August 19 and August 26 on the church patio. Books available August 3.

Pillowcases

The Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts currently has enough sheets, so we are no longer collecting those, BUT we are still collecting pillow cases for Little Dresses for Africa over the next month. So if you have any extra, please bring them to church (bin in Narthex). Thanks!

Plant Team

We are still looking for another member for plant team to occasionally help make decisions and care for the indoor plants at Westminster. Contact Katie in the office if you can help.

West Area Collaborative Food Pantry

The food pantry has moved back to Thoreau Elementary. The collaborative was formed to fill a need during Covid and they are currently looking to implement a more sustainable model for the future. We will keep you posted as they tell us. No bags are needed at this time.

Church Office Hours

Office hours will be 12-5pm Monday-Wednesday, Aug 2-4. (Katie will be off-site at VBS).

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Homebound Highlights (rotating each week): Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Margie Knott, Hugh Moss, Wade Waggener

Members & Friends: Carla McCann, Kelly McCann, Sherry (Granquist's daughter), Gloria Stange, Nicholas Tortorich, Hannah Kwiatkowski

