

# 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast

October 12, 2025 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Dave Vagts

Liturgist

8:15 - Rachel Barton & Sean Califf

10:45 - Mary Ann Behrens

*† indicates stand as able*

## Gathering

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

### *† Confession and Forgiveness*

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Holy God,

**You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.**

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend. **Amen.**

*† Gathering Hymn: Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### † *Greeting*

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

#### † *Kyrie*

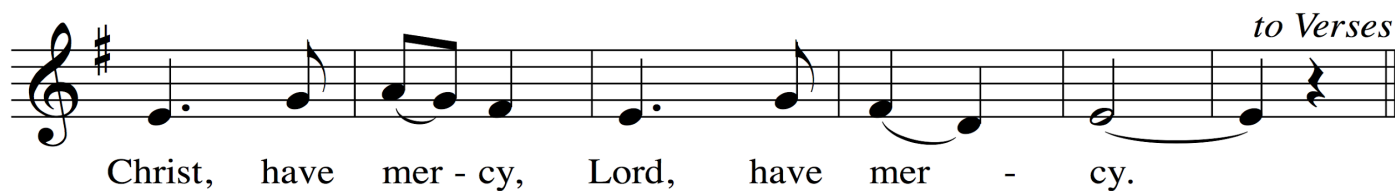
##### Refrain

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*Congregation:*

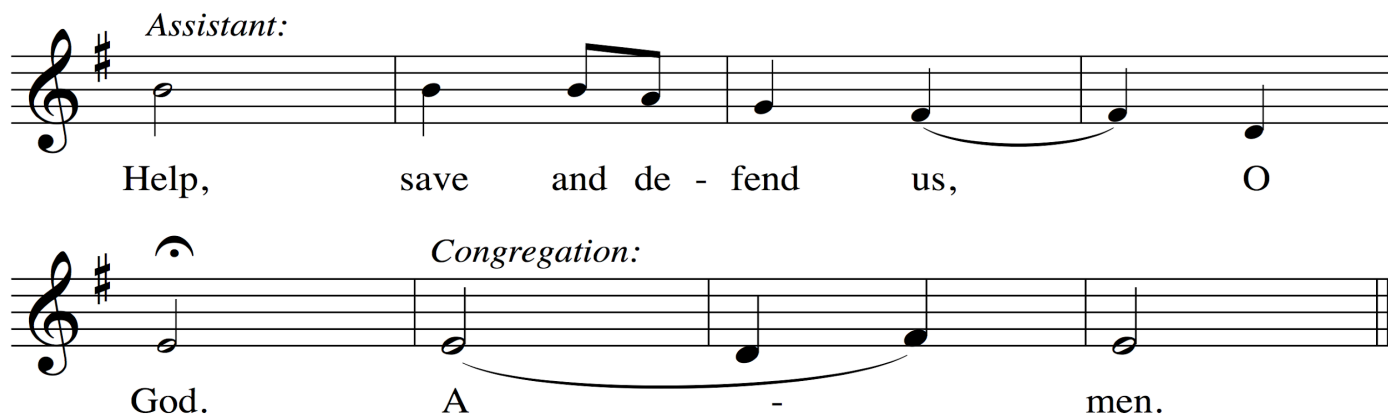


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

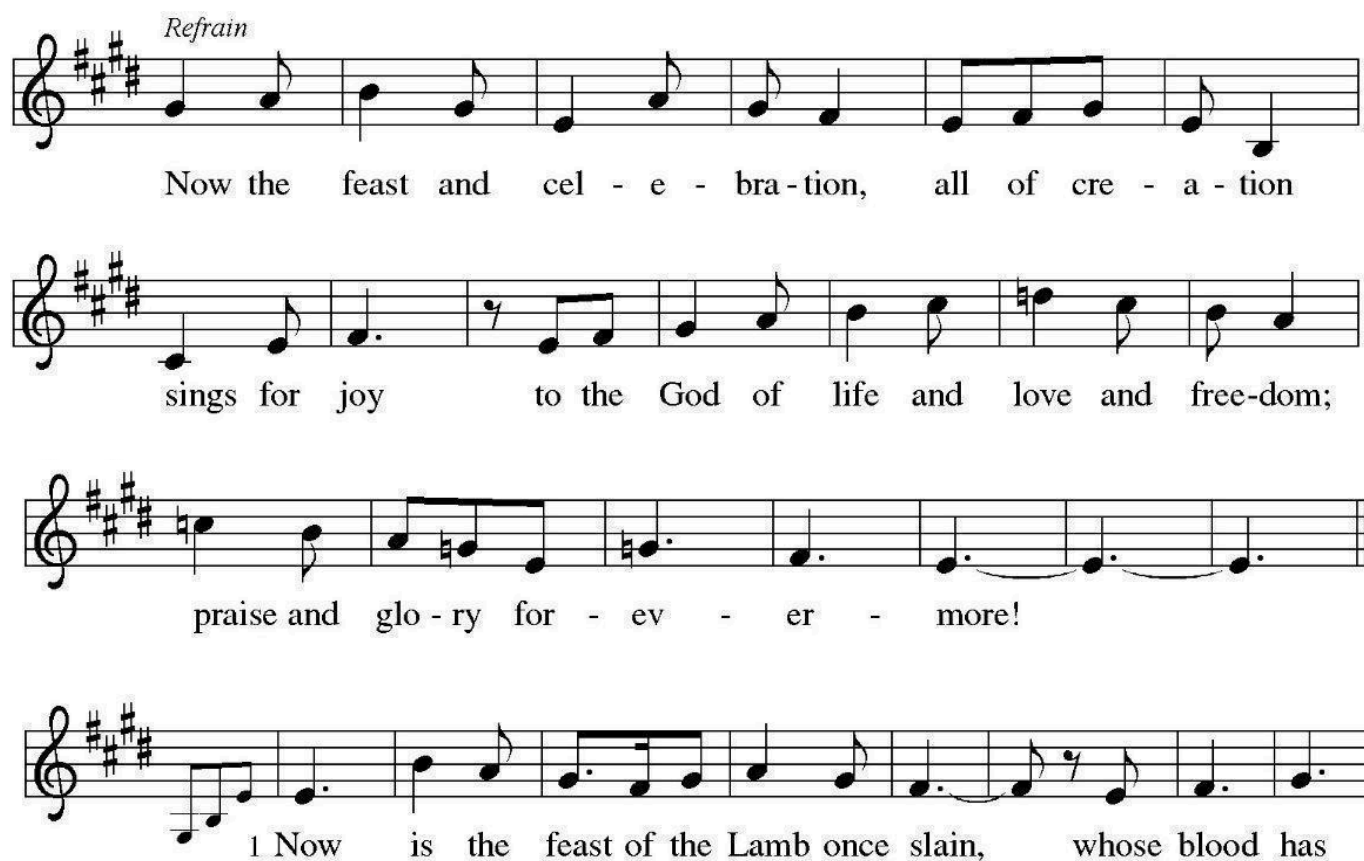


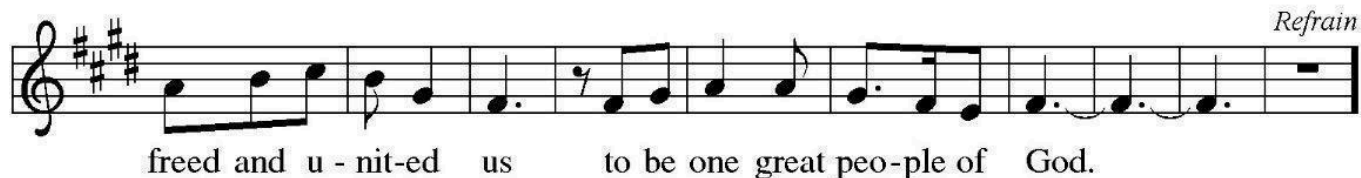
*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



## † *Now the Feast*





## *Refrain*



## *Refrain*



## *Refrain*

### **† Prayer of the Day**

God who calls, open our ears to listen for your voice amid the clamor of our daily lives. Help us to discern your call from among the many distractions that confront us each day, that we might live each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **READING: 1 Samuel 3: 1-21**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The

word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† ***Gospel Acclamation:***

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

† ***GOSPEL: John 20: 21-23***

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Children's Sermon***

**Maggie Evans**

***Sermon***

**Pastor Beth Wartick**

† **Hymn of the Day:** *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

**ELW 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

*(repeat at the direction of the musicians)*

† ***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 to  
the dead.**

**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 of Intercession*

Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your call comes often when we do not expect it. Incline our ears to hear what you are saying, and grant us courage to do what you ask. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Open our ears to the cries of the natural world, that we might remember your charge to care for all that you have made. Help us to love creation as you do, and bear out that love in action. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

The world is slow to hear your message, even one of salvation. Use us in ways which reach the far corners of the earth with the good news of redemption and eternal life in you. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

You are ever sensitive to our fears, weaknesses, and crises of health and wellness. Extend your healing hand to us all, especially Carin. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Make us good mentors for the youth in our care. Help us to raise them in your community and support their growing faith that they may find the ways in which you are calling them to give their lives in service. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Join us with all who have heard your call in every age and followed you. Make of us one family of faith, undivided by time or space. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**



We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

† *Peace*

### *Offering*

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*Thank you!*

### † *As The Grains of Wheat*

A musical score for the hymn 'As The Grains of Wheat'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

## Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst

2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*to Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## † Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you shower your gifts upon us, providing more than we need. In gratitude, we offer these, our possessions, our time, and even our very selves to the work of your just and holy reign. Receive them for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

## † The Great Thanksgiving



*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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*Congregation:*

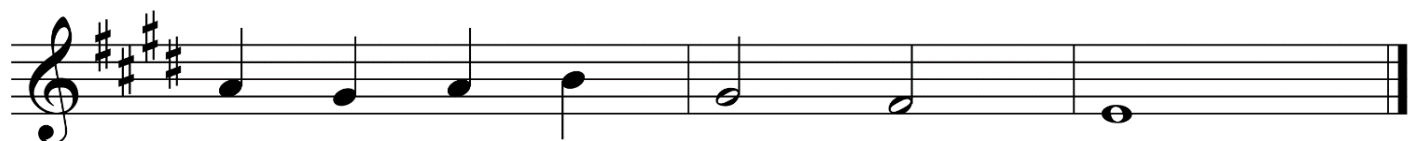
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*

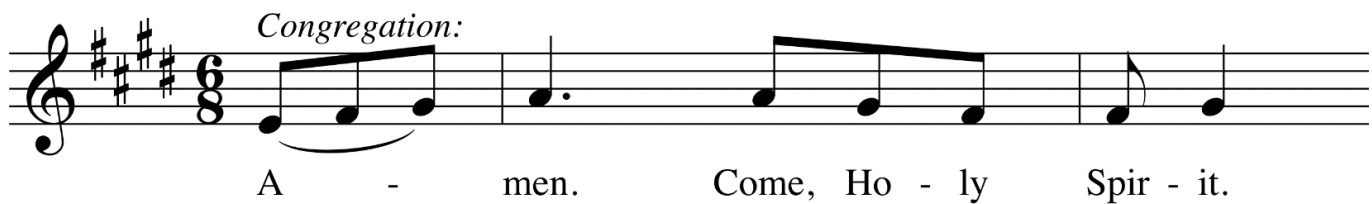
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Pastor: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
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Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



### † *Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ*



### † *Lord's Prayer*

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

*Nuestro padre en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdónanos nuestros pecados  
como nosotros perdonamos*

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.

*los que pecan contra nosotros.  
 Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.  
 y líbranos del mal.  
 Por el reino, el poder y  
 la gloria es tuya,  
 ahora y siempre. Amén.*

## Communion

*If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## Lamb of God

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,  
 grant us peace,      grant us peace.

## ***Communion Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling***

**ELW 608**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

### ***Refrain***

"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

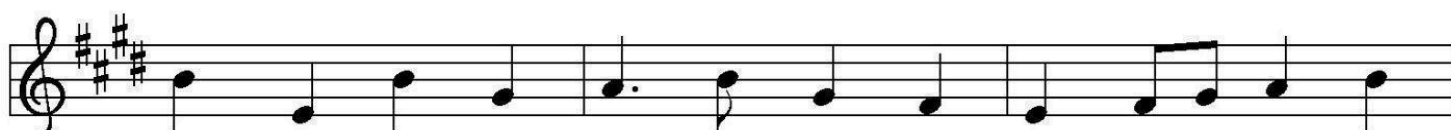
Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

## **Sending**

### ***Announcements***

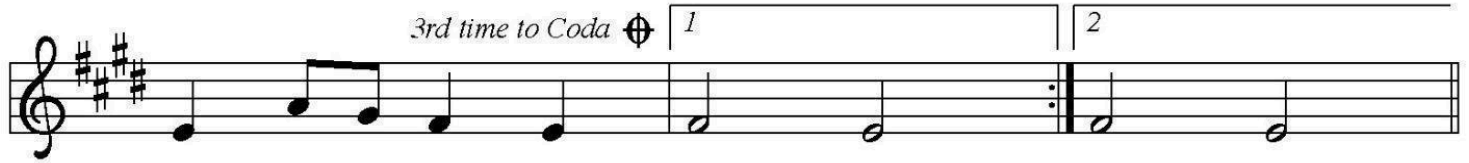
### ***† Song of Blessing***



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



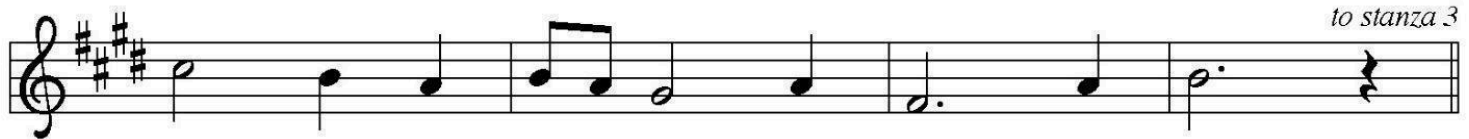
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

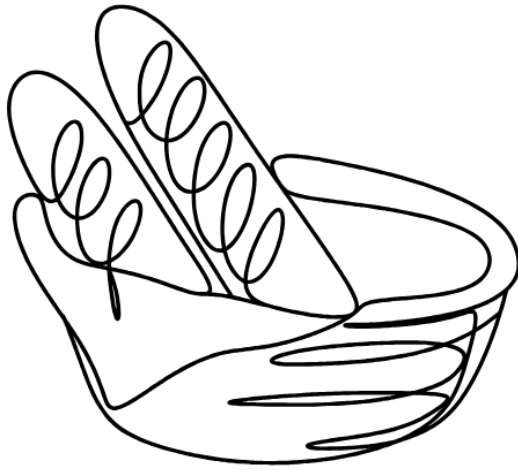
### † *Blessing*

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### † *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude



*Our Daily Bread*

# God Provides...

*a Call*