



CROSS OF CHRIST

Lutheran Church

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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The Gospel according to Bread

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Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us for worship, and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are new here, welcome! If you are newly returned to church, we rejoice with you! If you are a member, we celebrate your involvement in this faith community! You do not need to be a member to participate in our ministry and mission.

Mission Statement

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church invites all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we worship, learn, and serve.

As Lutheran Christians, we are committed to the gift of grace that God brings to the world through Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus bridges the divide that we place between ourselves and God. In Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are given forgiveness and hope for today and for eternity. As a congregation, we experience the love of Jesus in scripture, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, and in giving of ourselves in our community and in our world.

Our congregation's mission and vision are centered on worship, learning and service:

Worship: we offer a place to gather in Word and Sacrament, inspiring all to walk as children of God.

Learning: We invite and engage all to strengthen their faith, deepen their relationship with God, and empower them to share their faith with others.

Service: We inspire all to share their God-given gifts in service to the church, the community, and the world.

Our Core Values

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church boldly meets the future in our ever-changing world. We welcome individuals and families of all types to share in the grace and acceptance found in our community.

Together we worship and learn, as we study and strive to live the Word of God in our everyday vocations.

In our neighborhoods and in our world, we extend helping hands, offering ourselves in service to others and sharing our resources with those in need.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is mounted on the right (north) side of the main hallway, just before the restrooms.

Prayer Requests may be phoned to the church office (303-469-4004), emailed to churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org, or put in the prayer box located at the Welcome Center. Our Prayer Team is made up of people who are dedicated to pray for others.

Children's Worship bags (Take & Keep) are available for families and can be found on the south wall in the narthex.

Mobile Giving is available via the Give Plus Church app on your iPhone or Android device. Giving by text is also available. Text your dollar amount to 1-866-601-2815. Please include a dollar sign before the amount (ex. \$50).

Online Giving is available www.cross-of-christ.org/give

GATHERING

The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.

Congregation responds with bold print.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please pray with me.

Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world. And then you tell us to feed them.
But we struggle with your command.

We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts: What is our compassion among so much pain?

What is our small kindness in a system of injustice?

What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society?

How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?

We have simply forgotten: when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.

Even when we have tasted the bread you multiply; even when we gather your leftovers,
we still find ourselves between your wondrous power and our sinful reality.

So we ask for your forgiveness.

When you call for our faith, forgive our unbelief. As you prepare our heavenly dwelling,
forgive our earthly worries. When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies, forgive our
appetite for unhealthy fare. When your gospel challenges us, forgive our irritable complaints.

You are patient with us even when we prove fussy and doubtful, reluctant and argumentative.

How often do we act this way just because we are hungry?

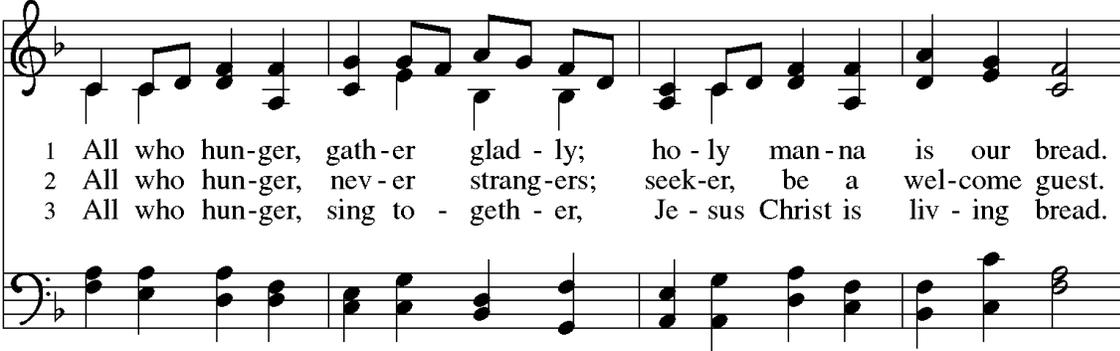
People of God, Jesus knows you are hungry for forgiveness. So Jesus has set our table with bread
from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. You are forgiven. God leavens you with eternal
goodness. Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share. And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the
flavor of transformation.

You are forgiven.

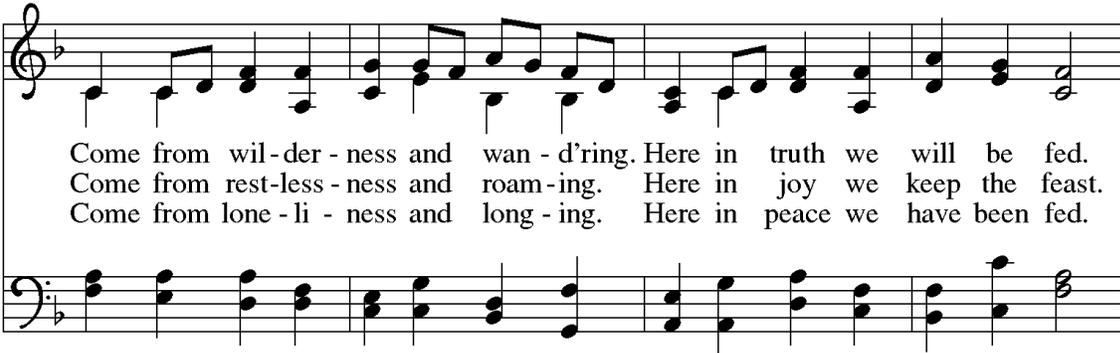
God, give us this bread always.

OPENING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



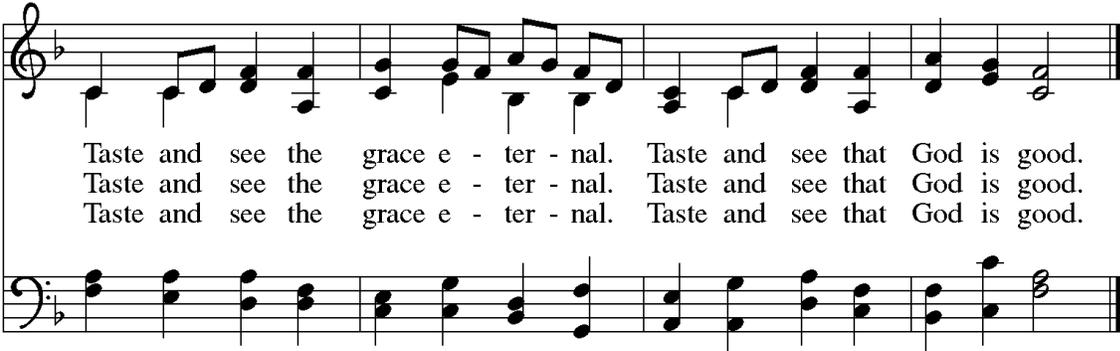
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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GREETING

May grace, mercy, and peace of God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bread of Life, you nourish our whole selves. You give abundantly. You are present among us. You have embodied the grace of God for us by your life, death, and resurrection. Help us to embody your life-giving grace for others, that all the world may be fed.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the book of 2 Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

God speaks to us in many ways.
You reach out to us in your spoken word.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 14-21

A reading from the book of Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song

He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world, in his hands.
He's got the whole, wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Children's Message

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

Children's Church

Children may follow the children's church leader to the Fellowship Hall. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 6: 1-21

The Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

HYMN OF THE DAY

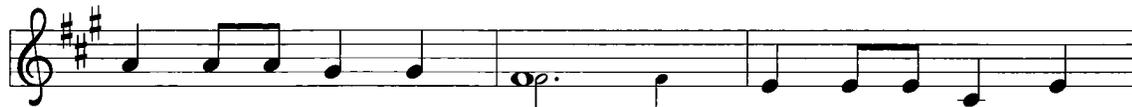
I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world.

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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I AM THE BREAD
Irregular

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response

Hear us, O God,

Your Mercy is Great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The sign of Peace is not the same as saying “hello” to our neighbors. Rather, the Peace of Christ is a sign of forgiveness and love we receive in Holy Communion and our hope to be able to share that with each other in this community.

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Children are invited to come forward with their offering and place it in the basket in front of the altar while the offering plates are being passed.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Soli Dei

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Guillermo Cellar, arr. Andrew Halladay

Refrain:

Let us go now to the banquet,
To the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting
Come, everyone, with your gifts to share

On this morn, I rise very early;
My community's counting on me.
I climb up to the gathering gladly,
And I seek your camaraderie

God invites all the poor and the hungry
To the banquet of justice and good.
Where the harvest will not be hoarded,
So that no one will lack for food.

May we build such a place among us
Where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
And to share everything we have.

tr. Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer Pharris, except v. 1 by Andrew Halladay

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of Life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body of the life of the world.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We thank you and praise you
for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age:
from the beginning you drew up food from the earth
and humankind from the soil,
filling our nostrils full of your Breath.
You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah,
and answered their deep longing for a child;
you sustained your chosen people with manna
as you led them toward the promised land;
you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice;
and in the fullness of time,
you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;
Who, in the night in which he was handed over,
took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
And stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion.
Open wide your hand
and satisfy our deep desire—
feed us with the Bread that is you.
All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin.

COMMUNION MUSIC

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
in your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Forever

Proclaim
Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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SENDING

You are the body of Christ. Go now; fed and forgiven, to be good news for the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LEADERSHIP

9:00 AM WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	Paula Burky
Communion Assistant	Mary Ellen Steele
	Carol Asmussen
Ushers	Cary Rady
Greeter	Carol Asmussen
Council	
Altar Guild	Carol Tingley
	Phyllis Kempmkes
Children's Church	Amy Pallas
Guest Pianist	Pat Thomas

PASTORS AND STAFF

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Whitney Gillies	Congregational Life Coordinator
Marilyn Kopperud	Pianist/Organist
Scott Elvington & Rick Bobbitt	Audio & Visual Ministers
Nikki Leverone	Financial Secretary
Jessica Hess	Office Administrator
Natalie Flowers	VBS Coordinator
Amy Goodmanson	Preschool/Kindergarten Director

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THANK YOU to everyone who made Rocky Railway VBS a reality!

If you were at Cross of Christ the week of July 19-23, you saw probably saw kids, volunteers and CCLC staff riding the rails at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School! Over 110 kids participated this year and learned about God's love and to Trust Jesus! VBS would not have been possible without our over 100 volunteers (including many youth) working hard as leaders, greeters, dancing, singing, and being a shining example of God's Love! Thank you also to people that helped decorate, set up, move chairs, take down, and donated items and/or money to our Care Drive VBS Service Project! The VBS kids and volunteers were able to pack over 120 Care Packages and over 100 additional larger cleaning supplies and personal care items for Growing Home and the Safe Parking Lot Initiative! Wow!

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My apologies if I inadvertently missed your name in the Thank Yous! We had so many helpers and all of you are so appreciated. We could **NOT** put on Vacation Bible School **without YOU!**

Sincerest Thanks,

Natalie Flowers, VBS Coordinator

