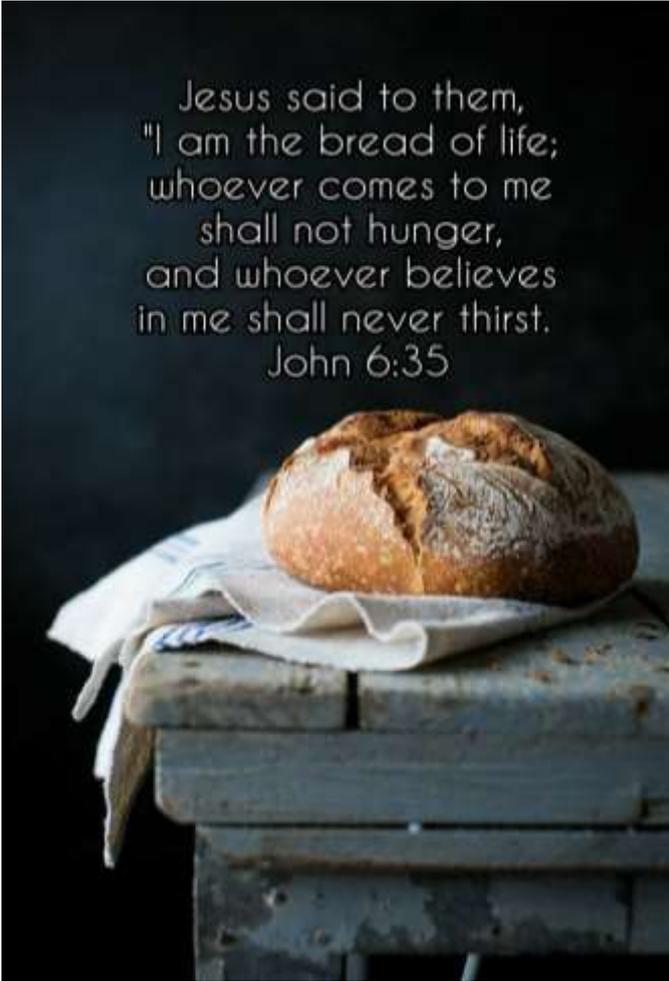


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and whoever believes
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John 6:35



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WELCOME, as together we worship God and continue our Lenten preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We gather in His house as we go through this Lenten season to remember the many short-comings in our lives and make the work of Christ even more meaningful. We pray our worship together will strengthen you for the coming week.

Please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave this evening.

Join us next Wednesday to continue this journey.

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop #58 who prepared our pre-service meal tonight. Please join us next week for our pre-service meal of Subway sandwiches provided by the Elders and Deacons.

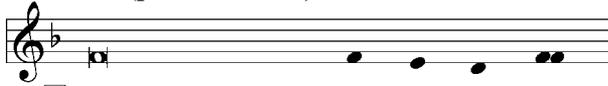
The offering will be collected as you enter/leave the sanctuary.

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship
Service of Evening Prayer

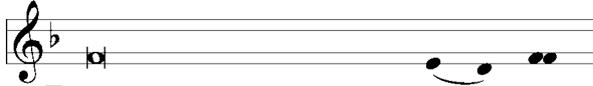
Versicles (*please stand*)



L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.



L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Hymn of Light



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

L Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C A - men.

Psalm 141 (*all sing together*)

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice
 when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
I Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing;
 let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.
II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.
 Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in
 the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
 Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

(be seated)

Office Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

LSB #623

First Reading

John 6:35-44

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Passion Reading IV

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

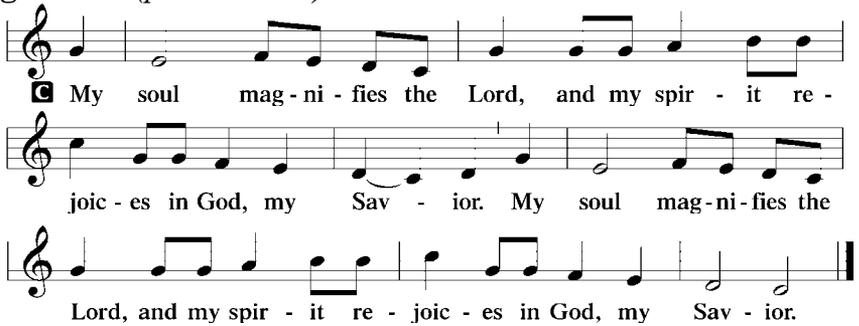
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

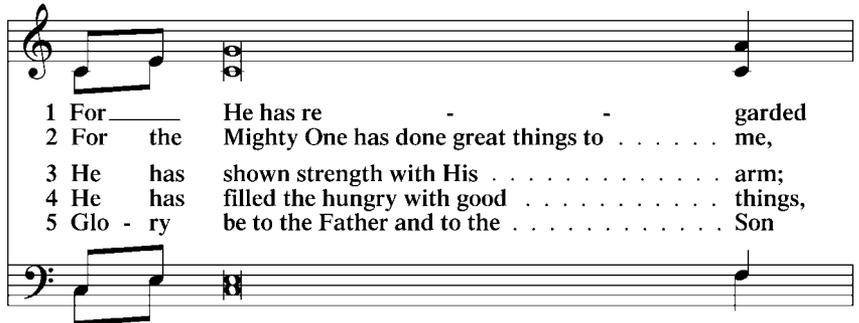
C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Message

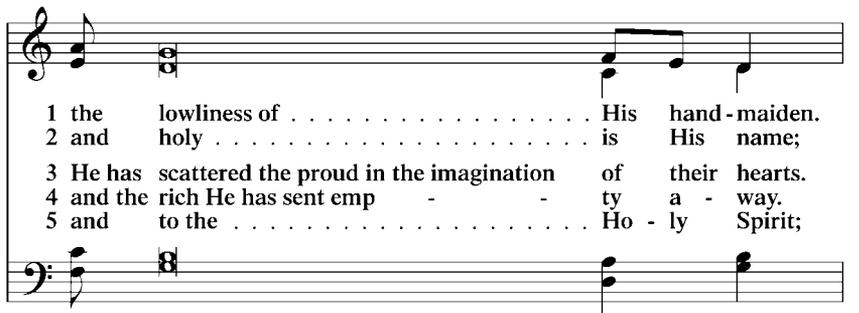
Magnificat *(please stand)*



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



1 For He has re-garded me,
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

Litany

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church,
and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all public servants, for the government and those
who protect us, that they may be upheld and
strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and
protection in this and every place, let us pray to the
Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of
the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the
Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger,
and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and hospitalized for those struggling with
physical, emotional and spiritual needs and for those
whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Help, save. comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we
are bold to pray:
- C **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.

Benedicamus

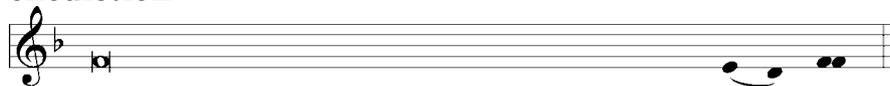


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

(be seated)

Closing Hymn

LSB #439 vs 1, 10-12, 15

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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