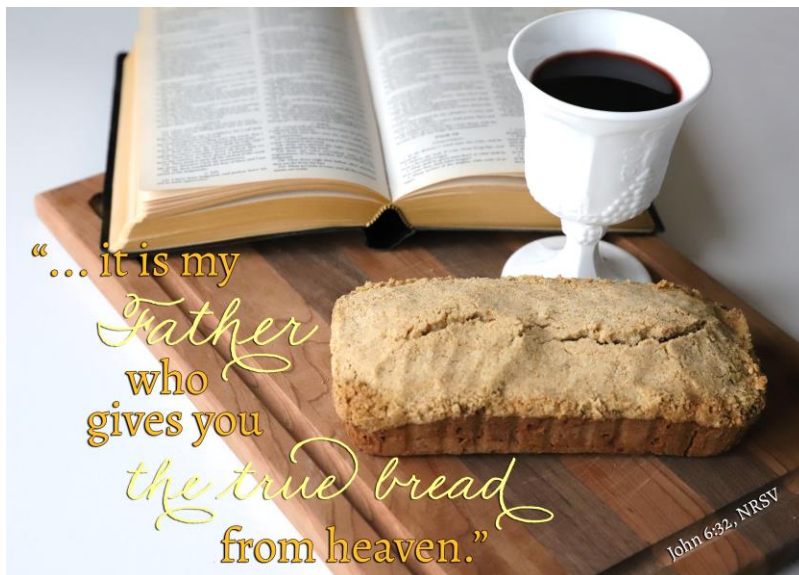


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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 4, 2024  
10:30 am

## The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **Gathering Music**

Still, My Soul, Be Still  
Vi Ballard, soloist

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## **Litany of Welcome for Pastor Shari**

Leader: A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of welcome with Pastor Shari, whose time as our Senior Pastor begins now.

Pastor, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them forward during this important time of change?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word of God and in making known the love of God through loving service among them and in this community?

Pastor: I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of his Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. **Amen**

Leader: I ask all of you, now, people of this congregation, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Pastor Shari, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a fellow servant of Christ and work with her in the ministry of this congregation? **We will.**

Leader: Will you pray for her and honor her for her work's sake and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? **We will.**

Leader: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you as the Senior Pastor of this congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### Gathering Hymn

Come, ye disconsolate

ELW 607



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;  
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;  
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Glory Be to God in Heaven

## ELW Setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.  
Source of eternal bread, we give you thanks.  
In the midst of an uncertain journey, you feed us,  
you quench our thirst, you calm our anxious minds.

Speak to our hearts and souls today. Assure us of your faithfulness, so we can take the next steps faithfully as we seek to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

A reading from Ephesians.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

ELW Setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel – John 6:24-35**

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

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.

This is the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Verses 1, 2, 4

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- |   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  |           |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's   | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will       | pass             | a - way;  |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in         | love             | for       |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now        | dwells           | in        |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de - clare | his              | death;    |
|   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  | eat       |
|   |       |     |      |       |      |            |                  | this      |



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly		
bread	and	be - lieve	Eas - ter	morn;	trust	his	re - turn	and,	with	



sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may
food	for	you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst
One	of	God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth
ev - 'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you
						are	re - born.

*Refrain*

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition:*

Source of eternal bread,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God.  
Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Response to God's gifts

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Great Thanksgiving

May the God grace be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of one faith, one baptism, lift your hearts to God.

**We offer our hearts to the One who has reshaped them by grace.**

People of one hope, one Spirit, lift your songs of praise to God.

**We lift them to God who has called us to one Body in one Spirit.**

Jesus is the bread of life;

**come to Christ and never hunger.**

Jesus is the bread of life;

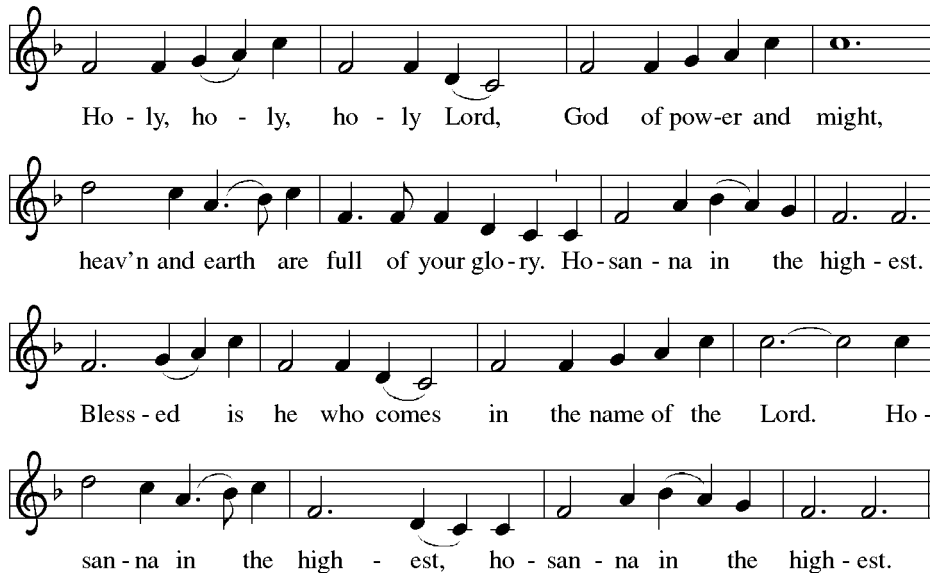
**trust in Christ and never thirst.**

We praise you in this time and place, our voices merging with our siblings,  
one Body in faith, hope, and baptism, forever singing of your steadfast love:

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

## Word in Meal

As we share this bread and cup, receive our sacrifice of praise:

Jesus is the bread of life;

**come to Christ and never hunger.**

Jesus is the bread of life;

**trust in Christ and never thirst.**

In this place we give you thanks, O God;

you have poured out your life-giving Spirit,

transforming this bread, this cup, your people into the body and blood of Christ.

Now by your grace you give us the bread that will never perish, the food that endures for eternal life.

Praise to you, holy triune God, here and everywhere, how and always.

Jesus is the bread of life;

**come to Christ and never hunger.**

Jesus is the bread of life;

**trust in Jesus and never thirst.**

## Lord's Prayer

When we are gathered together in glory, one faith, one hope, one joy, one body, around the one table of peace and grace, we will join our voices in singing through all eternity to you, as we pray as you have taught us, saying:

**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**

**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**

## Invitation to the table

Come, even if you don't understand this mystery.  
Holy manna has been served for all of us.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

## Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

Lord, speak to us that we may speak

ELW 676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

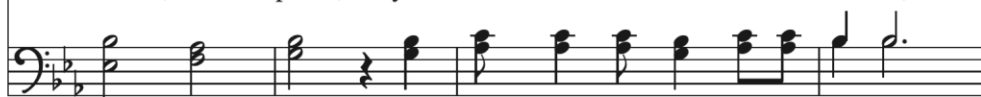
Communion Hymn

Christ, our peace  
 Repeat as needed

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Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.



*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after communion**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ you take and bless our ordinary gifts and make of them an abundant feast.

Teach us to share all that we have.

Use our resources to feed multitudes.

Help us to gather up the fragments so that nothing and no one may be lost; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

Stay well-nourished by God's grace and share the bread of life with others.

May the grace of Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore.

**Amen**

**Sending Hymn** *Please see next page.*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes/Keller





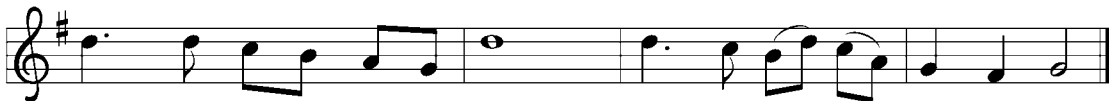
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
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