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

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN  (ELW p. 641)  All Are Welcome

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.
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.

MORNING LITANY

O Lord, I cry to you for help.

In the morning my prayer comes before you.

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

You redeem my life from the grave, and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Oremos. Dios misericordioso, tu bendito hijo bajó del cielo para ser el verdadero pan que da vida al mundo. Danos este pan siempre, para que él viv en nosotros y nosotros en él, y que, fortalecidos por esta comida, podamos vivir como su cuerpo en el mundo, por medio de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amén.

The assembly is seated.

Word
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and
slander, together with all malice, \(^{32}\) and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. \(^{5:1}\) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, \(^{2}\) and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: John 6:35, 41-51**

**Glory to You, O Lord!**

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

\(^{35}\) Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. \(^{41}\) Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” \(^{42}\) They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” \(^{43}\) Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. \(^{44}\) No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. \(^{45}\) It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. \(^{46}\) Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. \(^{47}\) Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. \(^{48}\) I am the bread of life. \(^{49}\) Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. \(^{50}\) This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. \(^{51}\) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*The assembly is seated.*
SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW p. 656) Blest Be the Tie That Binds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly shall kneel as they are able.

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick, especially David, Sharon, Ellvera, Bobby & Betty, Alex, James, Pauline, Mitch, Roxanne, Shane, Linda, Norma, Laquita, Helen, Linda, Jack, Michael, Raymond, Alva, Steve, Evalina, Francis, Ella, Khloe, Kenneth, Charles, Carly, Eddie, Shanna, Yvonne, Anyemarie, Mary Ruth, Kyle, Cody, and Norma, as well as those that we name out loud or in our hearts... Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

As we sow Seeds of Hope, we pray for St. John Lutheran in Westhoff. Guide them to new opportunities and abilities to draw younger people into the congregation. We pray also for St. Peter’s in Elgin that they may have vision, direction, and that God would use them as an instrument of grace in their community. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
The assembly stands.

OFFERING HYMN

(ELW p. 186) Create in Me a Clean Heart

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

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

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(ELW p. 583) Take My Life, That I May Be
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. 
Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY (ELW p. 884) 
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul’s by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul’s. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us. If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

For Prayerful Consideration

**Ill or Injured:** David Anaba, Sharon Baumann, Ellvera Boehm, Bobby & Betty Busselman, Alex Caballero, James Castillo, Pauline Davidson, Mitch Dorn, Roxanne Dorn, Shane Edens, Linda Franke, Norma Foreman, LaQuita Gibbens, Helen Grimm, Linda Henning, Jack Hockey, Michael Janysek, Raymond Jenkins, Alva Jonas, Steve Kelly, Evalina, Francis Kempe, Ella Manka, Khloe Martinez, Kenneth Matthews, Charles Pierce, Carly Rosenboon, Eddie Salas, Shanna Swierc, Yvonne Watkins, Anyemarie, Mary Ruth Witte, Kyle Worthy, Cody Zaiontz, and Norma Zamzow

**For those in the military:** Nick Adams, Anthony Alvarez, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Jon Wayne Schulz, James Skinner, Chris Sustaita, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva

**Birthdays and Anniversary:**
Ellvera Boehm (Aug 15), Wyatt Polasek (Aug 17), Dale Tessman (Aug 18), Gerald & Sandra Dickens (Aug 18), Ronnie Buehring (Aug 20)

**Contribution Corner:**

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Today we welcome Lay Leader, Dennis Hickey, to our pulpit! Mr. Hickey is a family man with a beautiful loving wife, 2 lovely daughters, 4 beautiful granddaughters and 4 darling great-granddaughters. He is a retired CMSgt from the USAF and currently works as a contractor for the USAF. Mr. Hickey is very involved in the Lutheran Men in Mission and is the Council President of Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church. He enjoys messing around on the computer and reading, but most importantly he loves serving the Lord as a disciple.

**Coming Events**

Let’s join together and PARTICIPATE!

The Women of the Church will be purchasing and putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Anyone who would like to donate to this cause can do so at any time. We will be accepting monetary donations to help pay for the school kits. Place your donation in a marked envelope that says Women’s Group. Thank you!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!
Installation of The Rev. Susan Jennifer Briner

September 1, 2018
2:00 p.m.
University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala Road, San Antonio

Overnight accommodations are available at
Embassy Suites San Antonio NW I-10.
7750 Briaridge, San Antonio - 210-340-5421
Discounted rates are available with the code
“BIS” Bishop Installation.

Those participating in the procession are requested
to arrive at the church by 1 p.m.
RSVP at www.swtsynod.org/bishopinstallation
so we can prepare accordingly.

For additional information, please contact
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God’s grace transforms and connects us
to learn, to love, to lead.