

# GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Prelude:** “You Are My King”

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Gathering Music:** “Give Thanks”

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**Prayer of Confession**

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.*

**P: Amen.**

*L: Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*L: Eternal God our creator,*

**P: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcement of Forgiveness**

*L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.*

**P: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** “Enough”

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**Prayer of the Day**

*L: The Lord be with you.*

**P: And also with you.**

*L: Ever-loving God,*

**P: your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

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

## A Message for Children

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

**The Gospel:** John 6:51-58

New Testament Pg. 86

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Open Our Lives to the Word"

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**The Lesson:** Ephesians 5:15-20

New Testament Pg. 172

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The Message:** "Food for Making the Most of the Time"

Pastor Jeff Eisele

**Hymn of the Day:** "You Are My All in All"

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## Affirmation of Faith-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.**

**Song for Prayer:** "Hear My Cry O God"

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## Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord, in your mercy*, the congregation will respond, **Hear our prayer.**)

Song for Prayer: “Hear My Cry O God”

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Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering Music: “How Could I Ask For More”

One Sunday

## GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

### The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

### 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.

## The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



*This morning we will eat and drink in groups around the table. The ushers will invite worshipers to come to the middle aisle as usual, but instead of being served one at a time, you will be invited to step up to the space around the altar and stand until you are served. The servers will then come to you as you stand around the table, so that we will have a better sense that the Lord's Supper is a shared meal. Please wait until everyone in your group is served, and then return to your seats via the outer aisles.*

## Communion Music:

“Before Your Soul Will Rise”  
“Lamb of God”

Jeff Thomson & One Sunday  
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## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

### The Blessing

*L: 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 Song:** “Step By Step”

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### The Dismissal

*L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. P: Thanks be to God.*