

# GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

## Welcome and Greeting

**Gathering Music:** “Oh Day Full of Grace”

ELW #627 v. 1,2, & 4

## 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:** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW #843

## Prayer of the Day

**L:** *The Lord be with you.*

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** *O God,*

**P:** eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, 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.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

**The Gospel:** John 6:24-35

New Testament Pg. 85

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Open Our Lives to the Word”

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**The Lesson:** Ephesians 4:1-16

New Testament Pg. 171

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ’s one body.*

**The Message:** “A Wedding Word”

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

**Hymn of the Day:** “This Is my Song”

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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.*)

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**Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry**

Offering Music: "Oceans" Audrey Shattuck - Piano, Lizzy Nickel - Vocals

## 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.



**Communion Music:**  
“We Are Many Parts”  
“Lamb of God”

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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:** “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

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### **The Dismissal**

*L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.*

**P: Thanks be to God.**