

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**“X” Marks the Spot: Worship Treasures**  
*COMMUNION AND THE ALTAR*



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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)  
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Christ Our Shepherd Woodwind Quartet

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Miriam

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- ☐ We hunger and thirst for God's wide welcome;
- ☑ **We hunger and thirst for the healing of the hurting world;**
- ☐ We hunger and thirst for the grace of Christ's company in the people he gathers around his table;
- ☑ **We hunger and thirst for the assurance of forgiveness Jesus so freely places in our empty hands.**
- ☐ In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, God feeds this hunger and thirst.  
Holy Communion connects God's spoken announcement of forgiveness with the embodied actions of eating bread and drinking wine together. Receiving these elements of communion forms us into a body as well.
- ☑ **Each time we receive communion together, God makes us a community of thanksgiving, created by the saving story and personal invitation of Jesus.**
- ☐ It can be easy to doubt or dispute whether you saw or heard something correctly.  
Not so with eating and drinking. Even if you don't remember the details about what was on the menu or how the food was prepared, your body knows it has been fed.
- ☑ **We find this whole-body fullness to be true in the promise and presence of Holy Communion. As with everyday eating and drinking, when it comes to this meal, a real body is always involved.**

⤴ **GATHERING HYMN:** *I Come with Joy*

*ELW Hymn 482*

- 1 **I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**
- 2 **I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3 **As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**
- 5 **Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

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⤴ **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.**

⤴ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON

- ℣ The lesson is taken from Hebrews, Isaiah 55, and Paul’s first letter to the Corinthian Christians. Please join me in reading them responsively.
- ℣ <sup>12</sup>Christ entered the Most Holy Place only once—and for all time. He did not take with him the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was his own blood, and by it he set us free from sin forever....
- ☞ **<sup>26</sup>Christ came only once and for all time at just the right time to take away all sin by sacrificing himself.** —*Hebrews 9:12, 26, New Century Version*
- ℣ The Lord says, “Come, everyone who is thirsty—here is water!  
Come, you that have no money—buy grain and eat!  
Come! Buy wine and milk—it will cost you nothing!
- ☞ **<sup>2</sup>Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry?**
- ℣ Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all.
- ☞ **<sup>3</sup>“Listen now, my people, and come to me; come to me, and you will have life!** —*Isaiah 55:1-3, Good News Translation*
- ℣ <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless,
- ☞ **is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?**
- ℣ The bread that we break,
- ☞ **is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?** —*1 Corinthians 10:16, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*
- ℣ Word of God, word of life.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *United at the Table**ELW Hymn 498**Refrain: United at the table: all our joy is joined in song. United in the faith: all our joy to God belongs.*

- 1 **We will praise God, we will sing alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;  
we will praise God for the love that sustains us eternally. Refrain**
- 2 **We will praise God, we will feast at the bountiful table of life and grace;  
we will praise God and give thanks for communion with ev’ry race. Refrain**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 26:26-28; John 13: 4, 5, 12, 15; Luke 22:27**

- ℙ The Gospel according to Matthew, John, and Luke.
- ☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hile [he and the disciples] were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

**(A**fter supper, Jesus) <sup>4</sup>got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ... <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

**F**or who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. —*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

- ℙ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

[All Creation Sings Hymn 977]

- 1 **Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.  
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.  
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.  
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.**
- 2 **Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,  
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.  
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;  
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.**
- 3 **Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand diff'rent ways,  
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise  
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west  
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.**
- 4 **Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised  
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes  
when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—  
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.**

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓒ **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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,  
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior."*

*Please respond, "Amen."*

**OFFERING**

*We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.*

*Link to give: <https://coslutheran.org/give/>*



**OFFERING HYMN: A Place at the Table**

*Sanctuary Choir*

For everyone born, a place at the table; for everyone born, clean water and bread;  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing; for everyone born, everyone born, a star overhead.

*Refrain:* And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators, creators of justice, of justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song;  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. ▶

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness, to worship;  
for everyone born, everyone born, the right to be free.

*Refrain:* And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators, creators of justice, of justice and joy!  
Creators of justice, creators of joy, of joy, of joy!

*This anthem was given in memory of JoAnne Pritchett by her GIFT Group in September, 2019.*

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## ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☞ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, and join their unending hymn:

☞ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW page 144

## ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ↑ 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.**

## SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.*

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.*

*You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.*

*You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic).*

*At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:*

*“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”*

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*** [All Creation Sings Hymn 966]

**1** Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
**Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.**

*Refrain:* **By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
 Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**2** Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
**In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.** *Refrain*

**3** Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
**Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"** *Refrain*

**4** By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
**bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.** *Refrain*

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### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ May The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,  
 and show you the path of life this day and always.

☞ **Amen.**

### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*ELW Hymn 494*

**1** For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
**for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**2** By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
**by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**3** With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,  
**may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**4** In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
**in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

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### ↑ DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace, with God beside you. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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*Woodwind Quartet: Rita DeNell, Penny Kahley, Sarah Wampler, Elizabeth Wampler,*  
*playing piccolo, flute, clarinet, orchestral bells, shekere, claves, and wood block.*  
*Karl Dietmeyer, conductor*

*Altar Guild: Carol and Paul Talbott*

*Tech Team: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins*

*Ushers: Janet Stronach and Buddy Troy*

*Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Broadwell,*  
*in celebration of the birthday of her husband Ernie.*

