

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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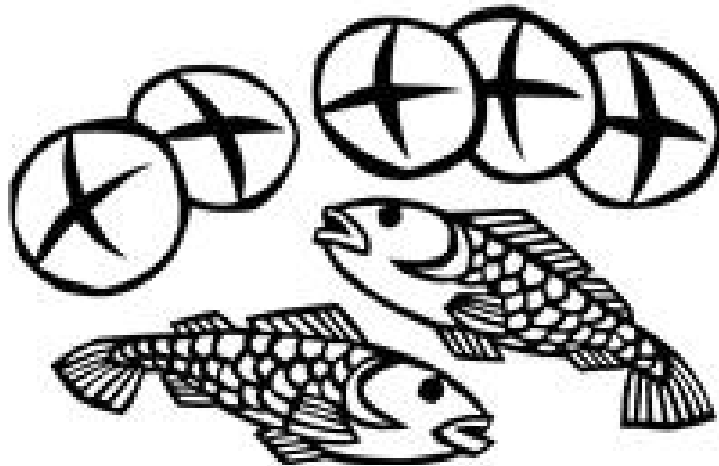
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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

*This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we seek,
"To know Christ and to make Christ known."*



An Order for Holy Communion 9:30 am
(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave. ALL HYMNS ARE PRINTED IN BACK OF BULLETIN.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

Kneel/stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from our ways.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your love.

Turn us again to you.

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

***HYMN All who Hunger, Gather Gladly**

***THE 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**



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING..... 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be God.

PSALM 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-
| out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

THE SECOND READING.....Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be God.

*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL..... John 6:1-21

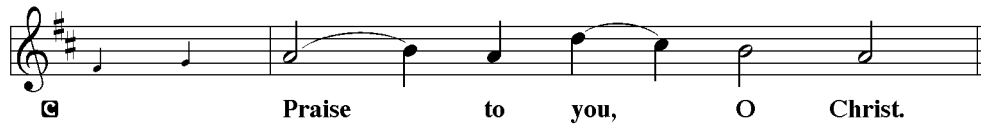
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Break Now the Bread of Life LBW (Green) 235**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Lord, in your mercy/Receive our prayer”.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ⓞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
who on the cross opened his arms to all,
and by his resurrection brought eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: "Take and eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
Again after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it to 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."

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection and ascension
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills
of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom with you
and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

*OUR 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.**

*LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*INVITATION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all! Come! **Amen.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a

pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.

***AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

The blessing of God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit,
who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving LBW (Green) 409**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST



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OUR STEWARDSHIP July 21, 2024



Regular Offering	\$2,102.00
Plate Offering	45.00
Evan and Fellowship	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Synod Benevolence	40.00
Lutheran World Relief	25.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,287.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, July 28, 2024 are given to the glory of God:



+In Loving Memory of Frank Doeblner and in Honor of Mary Lou Doeblner by Karen Mariano
 +In Celebration of our St. Mark's Family

WORSHIP LEADERS July 28,



2024

Lector	9:30AM	Candy Dewar
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Becky Pryor & Jackie Kinney
Organist	9:30AM	Sam Robinson
Ushers:	9:30AM	Carl Albright, captain Brenda and Levi Gair
Altar Guild	JULY	Connie Shaible, Sally Bjornstad Bev and Sarah Young

Upcoming Evangelism and Fellowship Events



Friday, August 2, 2024: Red Cross blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 -3:00 with set-up beginning at 9:30.

Saturday, August 10, 2024: This committee will serve its third Habitat for Humanity luncheon to volunteers working on the Faith Build on Scott Street in Williamsport.

We could use some help with all of these events. If one or more of them interest you, speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

Card Ministry: *Thank you, Glenn Yaple for your assistance in sending cards during July. Leah Haussmann is our volunteer for August.*

Blessing Box Needs



With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are **Star-Kist Tuna Creations: Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star-Kist Chicken**

Creations: Chicken Salad. These items do not need refrigeration and resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items.

P.S.: We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.

Summer Hospitality!



The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark's, summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the "Hospitality Binder" on the "Hospitality Table" in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!



The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.

Lutheran World Relief



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

It is that time - Lutheran World Relief kits. Directions for the four different types of kits are in the narthex, please feel free to take them. Kits are due the end of September but the bins will be

available beginning 7/21. The goal is 70 school kits, 10 fabric kits (watch for JoAnn's fabrics coupons), 10 personal care kits, and 10 baby kits (yard sales are a great place to find gently used items). The following will be provided - school bags, cloth diapers and diaper pins. These will be available beginning 7/21. If you have questions, please contact me at dabuckman65@gmail.com or 570-323-1707.

Thanks for your generosity. These kits can mean the world to a child, mother or family.



St. Mark's is hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 2 from 10:30-3:00. Please sign up to donate much needed blood by contacting Karen Mariano at 570-971-4037, scanning the code below, or visiting

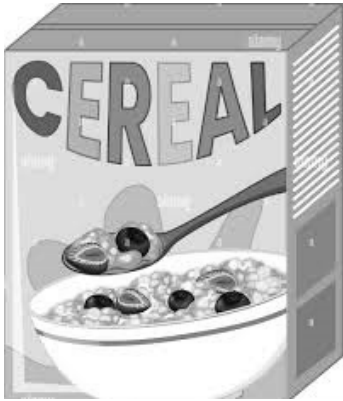


Scan to schedule an appointment.

www.redcrossblood.org.

This Month's Cereal Sunday is a Success!!!


Cereal Sunday Continues



Our July collection was a great success with **72 boxes of cereal** being collected, which beat June's collection by 20 boxes! Can we top this amount in August?

The staff at the United Churches Food Pantry is very grateful for our support. In speaking recently with the staff, they are in particular need of single-serving containers of cereal.

Our next Cereal Sunday is August 11, 2024.




Remembrance Day

August 6th at 6 p.m.

at the Yasui Peace Tower on the corner of Pine Street and Little League Blvd to mark the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings in 1945

Dr. Robert S. Yasui commissioned the Peace Tower in the mid-1980s. He hoped that it would provide a place of meditation for the community, a place where those struggling with obstacles in their life might find rest. If you happen to find yourself in the area, listen for the beautiful chimes that play. At night, the Tower is well lit and seems to beckon you to come and take a minute to reflect on the bench that surrounds it. The plaque on the Tower reads, "Dedicated...to the humanity that makes us all one."

From August 6th to the 9th, 1945, more than 200,000 people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki lay dead from the use of the first atomic bombs. Since August 1945, many thousands more have died, and continue to die, from the radioactive fallout of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Hosted by The Christian Social Concerns Committee
of the United Churches of Lycoming County



Monday, July 29, -
Sunday, August 4, 2024

Monday, July 29	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Tuesday, July 30	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Wednesday, July 31	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Thursday, August 1	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Friday, August 2	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Saturday, August 3	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Sunday, August 4	Holy Communion	9:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Fortin July 29 Stephen Dewar July 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy and Ernest Larson August 8
Donna and Ronald Baker August 8
Leah and Walter Haussmann August 3

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the “This Week at Our Church”, please email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.

COMMEMORATIONS

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Sunday, July 28, 2024



Bach



Schutz



Handel

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Monday, July 29, 2024



Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

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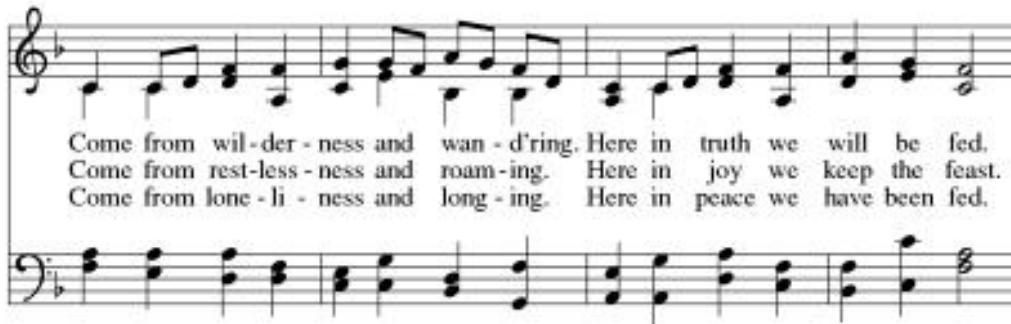


Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

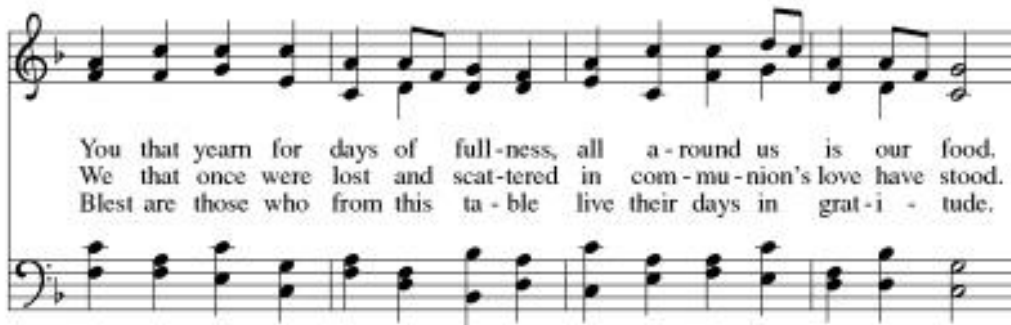
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring, Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing, Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing, Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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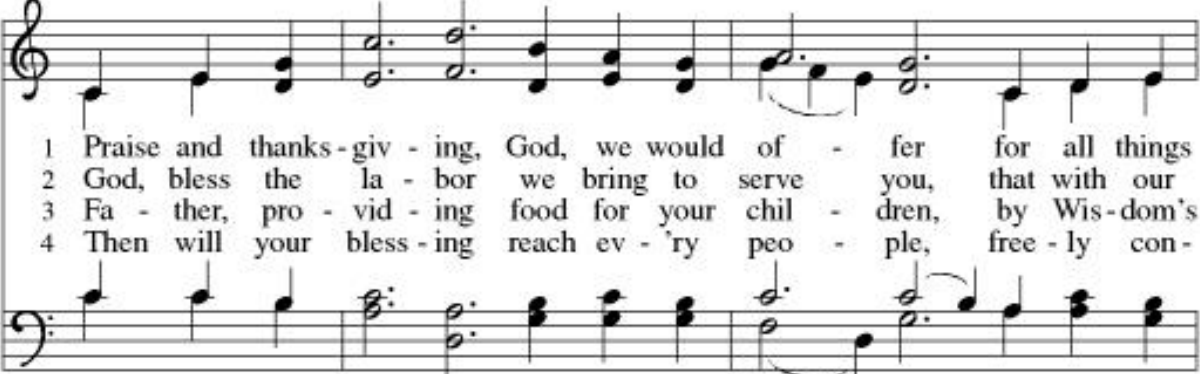
Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly


broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.