

# Welcome to Worship

## August 11th, 2024

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### Prelude

*Preludium in D major ~ Antonín Dvořák*

### Gathering Hymn

*God, We Gather as Your People ~ ACS 1038*

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

### 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.*

### Psalm

**34:1-8**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord  
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in 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.*

## Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 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. 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. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

## Hymn of the Day

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand ~ ELW 773*

## Musical Offering

*Sing Ye a Joyful Song ~ Antonín Dvořák (Erin Reil, soprano)*

## Offertory Hymn

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken ~ ELW 494 (vs. 1-2)*

## Communion Hymn

*Eat This Bread ~ ELW 472 (refrain only, repeated)*

## Sending Hymn

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises ~ ELW 535*

## Postlude

*Fughetta in D major ~ Antonín Dvořák*