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As We Gather

Today we consider why we follow Jesus. In the Gospel, we see many people stop following Jesus because His words offend them. When Jesus asks the disciples if they want to stop following Him as well, Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Not only does Jesus have the words of eternal life, but He also gives us the food of eternal life—His body and blood. As we gather for worship, we gather around God’s Word and God’s Meal—the Lord’s Supper.

PREPARATION

589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor, That I cling to You forever!
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You, And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden, You give words of peace and pardon.
- 3 Lord, Your words are waters living, When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light, Through death’s cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing, And my cup of joy unailing!
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e’er be near me, That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given, In the endless joy of heaven.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

- P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
C **Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.**
P The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.
C **The way of the world leads only to death.**
P Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.
C **Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.**

- P Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.
C **Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people’s words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.
Silence for reflection.
P Heavenly Father,
C **we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Jesus, the living bread from heaven, has given His body and shed His blood so that you would be forgiven and have eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,

studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *sts. 1, 3*

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation, Has redeemed us by His blood.”
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless, Sweep across the crystal sea.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 9:1–10*

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:6–21*

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 6:51–69*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of

Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

561 The Tree of Life

- 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good, In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet, God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew, Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned, Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove, Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile, And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath, Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed, Within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high, His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread, To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame, Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet, The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood, The tree of life with ev'ry good.

Sermon

Creed

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
- C **let me with holy food be fed.**
- P Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
- C **let me with holy food be fed.**
- P Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
- C **let me with holy food be fed.**
- P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially...*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
- C **let me with holy food be fed.**
- P Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
- C **let me with holy food be fed.**

P Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C **let me with holy food be fed.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

C **let me with holy food be fed.**

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the living bread that came down from heaven to bring us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

507 Holy, Holy, Holy *st. 1*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

ref *Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill, So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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Distribution Hymns

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending, Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven, Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending, From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, As the darkness clears away.

- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry:

What a Beautiful Name (Screen)

629 What Is This Bread

- 1 What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace, Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul, He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe, That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

818 In Thee Is Gladness

- 1 In Thee is gladness, Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given, The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;

Who trusts Thee surely, Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining, To see Thy shining, Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses, In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story, Tell of His glory, With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices, In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him, And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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