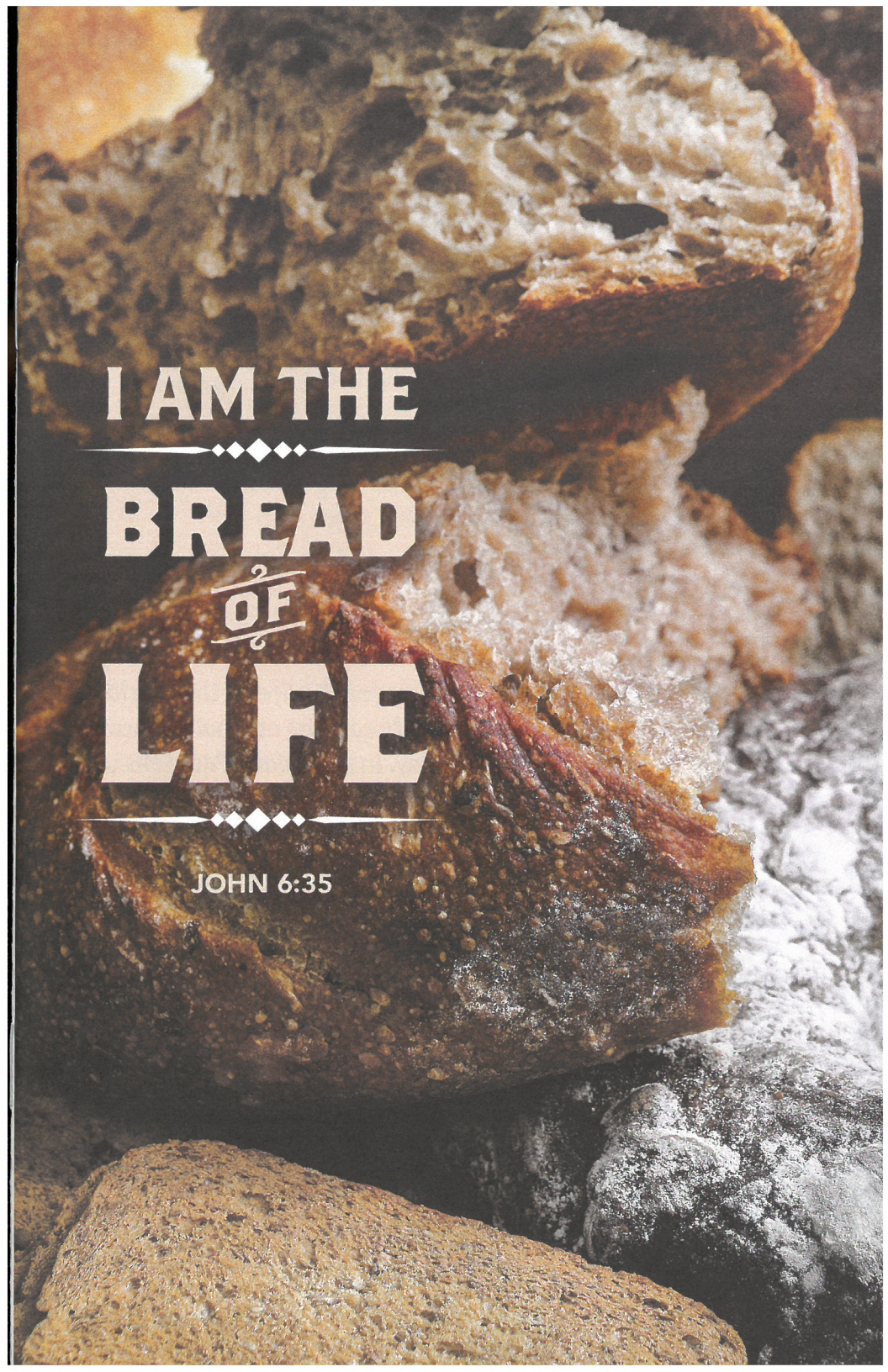
I AM THE
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JOHN 6:35

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Welcomes You

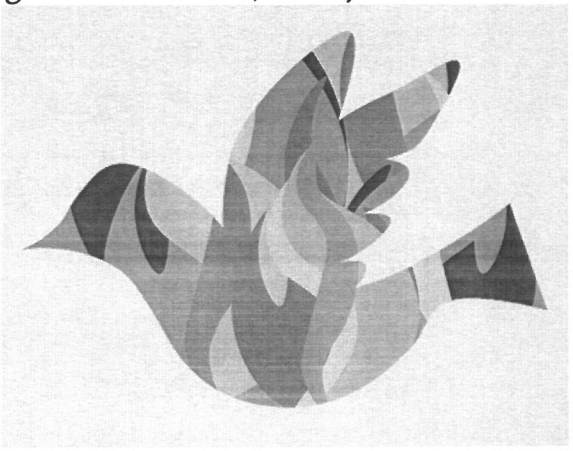
Sunday, August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME to worship today!

There will be coffee following service, for those interested in joining

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

Music for Reflection

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lector: Denise Wilder

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 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.

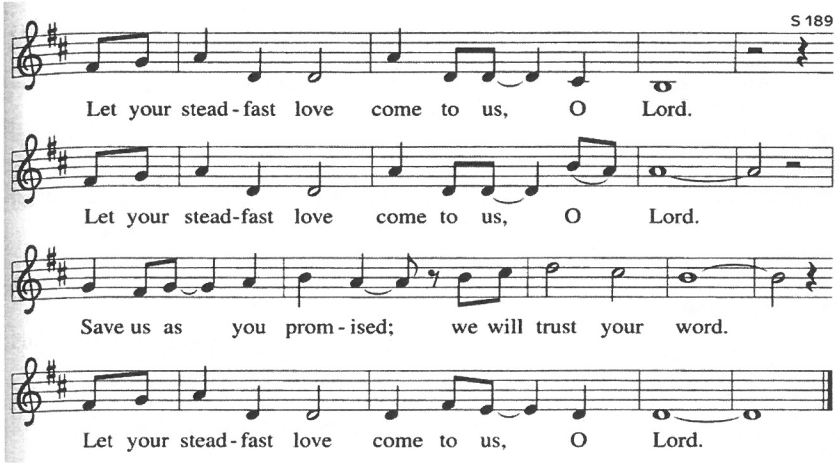
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



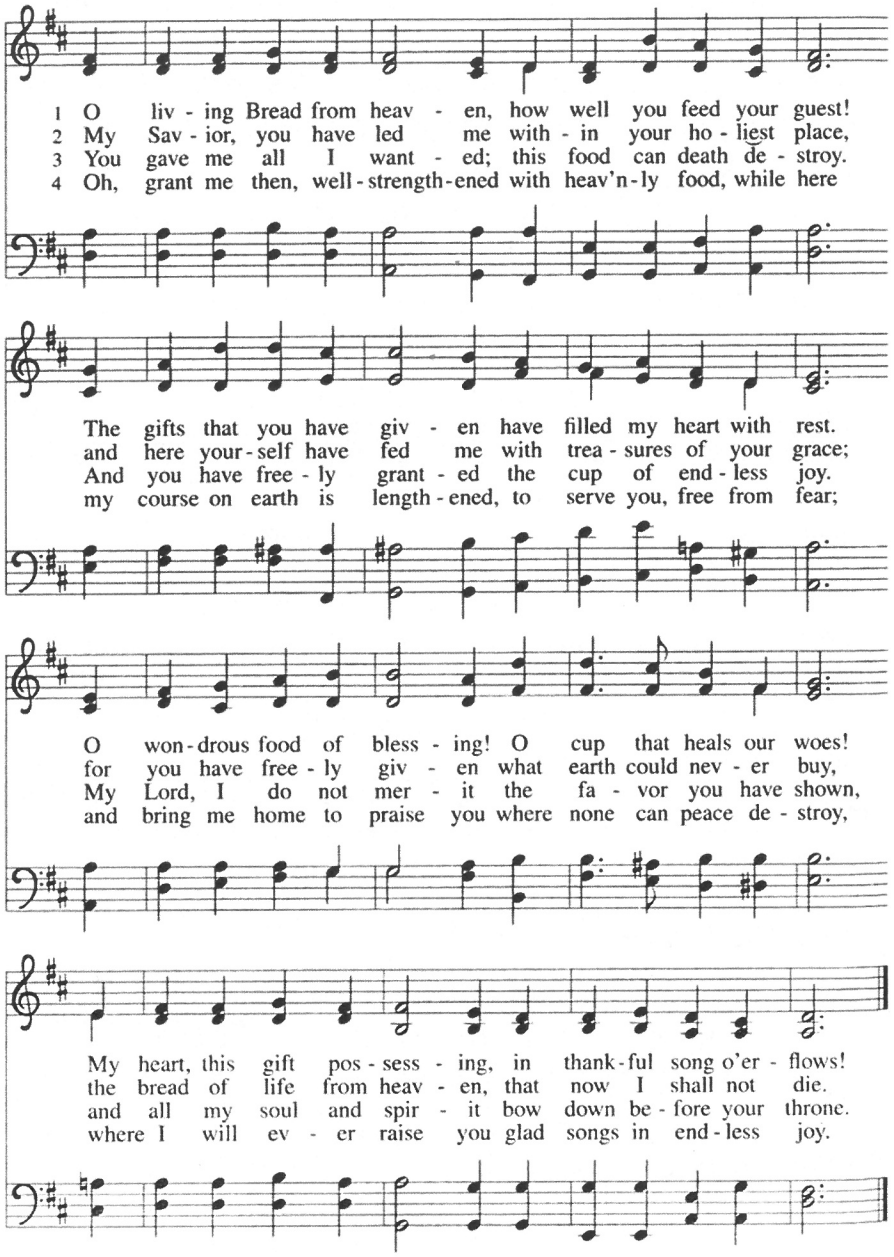
GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord,
C: Thanks be to God.

~Message~

Hymn of the Day ELW 542 *"O Living Bread from Heaven"*



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Today we pray for the Lord's care: *for those impacted by Covid-19 and for the nation as we seek racial harmony.*
Also for Carol Lott, Candy Falk, Gloria Landon, Billie Rebello, Pauline Morrison, Dan Smith, Britney Thompson, Robert Collinger, Bruce & Nathaniel Cowan, & Evvy Allen~

Today we thank God for the lives of those marking special days this week.

Birthdays: 8/9 Sylvia Stiffler, 8/13 Angela Brannfors & Cindy DeLano, 8/14 Diana Trice~

Anniversaries: 8/10 Mr. & Mrs. Grauer, 8/12 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Schmitt and Jorja Blake~

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.

~ Quilt Blessing ~

THE OFFERING

We invite members and friends to give in response to God's grace among us. Our offering is a sign of caring for the work of the Gospel and is a significant act of worship.

If you wish to make an offering to the church, our mailing address is:
Highland Lutheran Church
38809 NE 41st Ave,
La Center, WA 98629

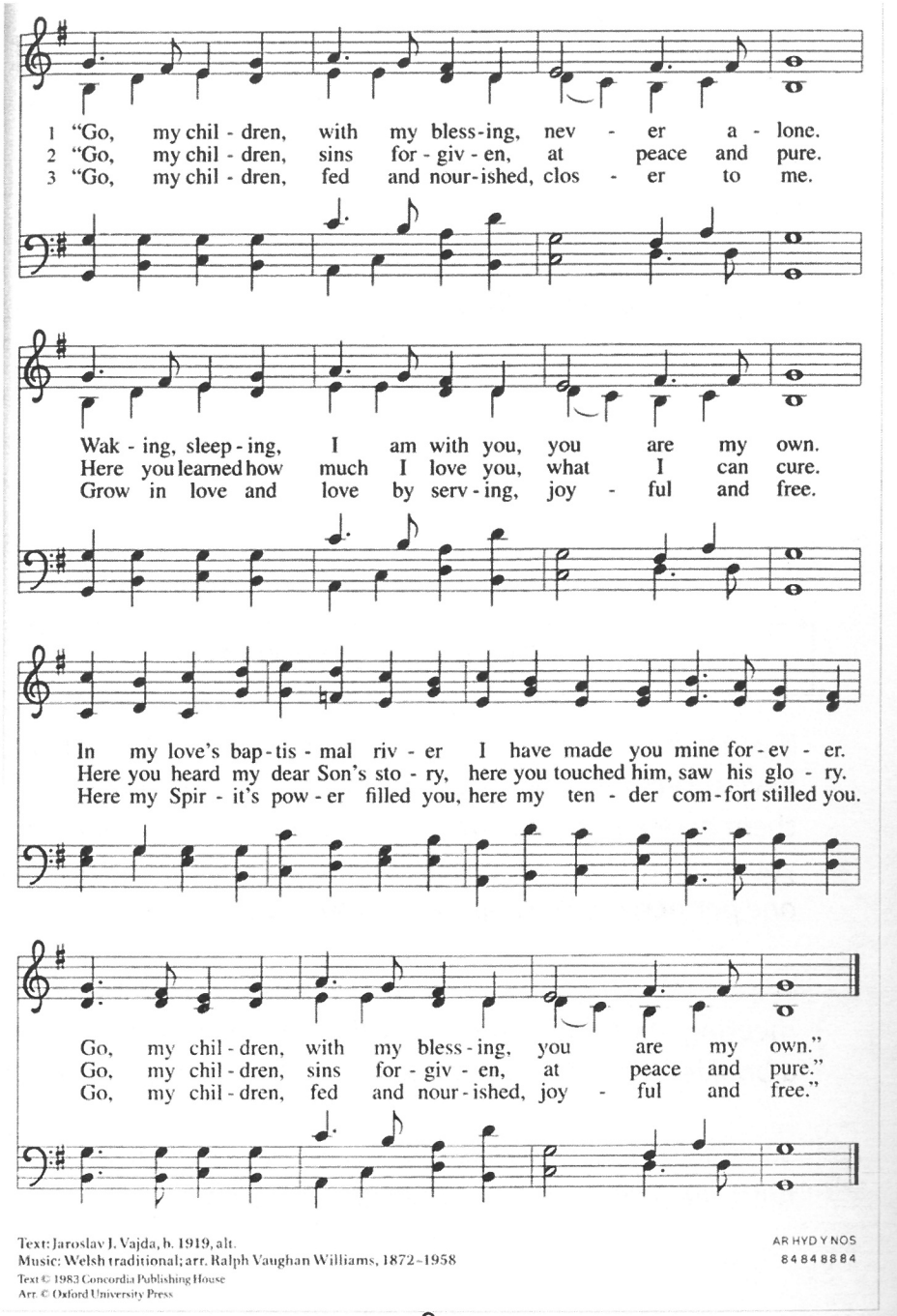
you can also give digitally through our website, highlandlutheranchurch.com
or through the GivePlus app, available on Android and Apple phones

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 543 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*



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Announcements

Dismissal

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

Announcements

If you were not at last week's service, please note that we have surveys for you to pick up and fill out. You can mail them back to us, or bring them with you the next Sunday you attend. They are located on the ushers' pew- please take one per person. We appreciate your input!

We also have booklets from last week's congregational meeting- if you missed the meeting last week and would like a booklet, they are on the usher's pew next to the surveys.

Several people have asked for Carol Lott's new address. It is 1419 W 16th Avenue, La Center, WA 98629

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

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."

41Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42They 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'?" 43Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45It 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. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51I 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Mary, Mother of Our Lord Isaiah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55 *OR* **12th Sunday after Pentecost** Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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