

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*God Himself Is with Us/ J. Neander
Ye Servants of God/ arr. R. Wilson*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 55: 1-2 (NIV)

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

People: **And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!**

Leader: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

People: **Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?**

Leader: Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

People: **And your soul will delight in the richest of food.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **34** (reader only vss. 4 & 5) *The God of Abraham Praise*

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

I John 1:5b-9, and CRC *Psalter Hymnal*

Leader: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.

People: **Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts,
by wandering from your ways,
by forgetting your love.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, Our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would follow my ways, you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you. Psalm 81:10, 13 & 16 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd/* arr. R. Price

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16 (NIV): selected verses

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Ex 16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him.

Ex 16:10 *The people...* looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹³ In the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

John 6:24-43, 48-51, 59 (NIV)

Jn 6:24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰ So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

⁴¹ At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’”

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered.

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

SERMON

Life with the Living Bread
series in Exodus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD

THE CUP

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **378**

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing/ arr. A. Fedak