



LMHE

SERVICE OF THE WORD  
*in celebration of campus ministry*

AUGUST 2, 2020  
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Greetings to you on the first ever Digital Campus Ministry Sunday!

On behalf of Lutheran Ministries in Higher Education (LMHE), our board of directors and all the students we serve, I want to express my most sincere gratitude to you for worshipping with us today. We are excited to praise God together with you, and to share with you some of the good news of the transformative work God is doing in and through our campus ministry students and communities. Everything you need for today's service can be found in this bulletin.

If you are new to LMHE and our campus ministries, allow me to provide a bit of background. LMHE is an ecumenical campus ministry organization that exist to help New York City college and graduate students connect with one another, local faith communities, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together with local congregations, we support a citywide network of big-hearted, open minded campus ministries called The Vine NYC. Through The Vine, students experience the unconditional love of God in community and explore, claim and live Christian faith. Currently, our ministries serve students from 10 different colleges across 3 boroughs.

If campus ministry piques your interest today, we would love to connect with you further. Want to learn more or find ways to get involved? Visit [thevinenyc.org](http://thevinenyc.org).

Thank you again for participating in this Campus Ministry Sunday Service of the Word today. May God bless you and your ministry this day and in the days to come.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Becca".

The Rev Becca Seely  
Executive Director  
LMHE

# + Gathering +

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

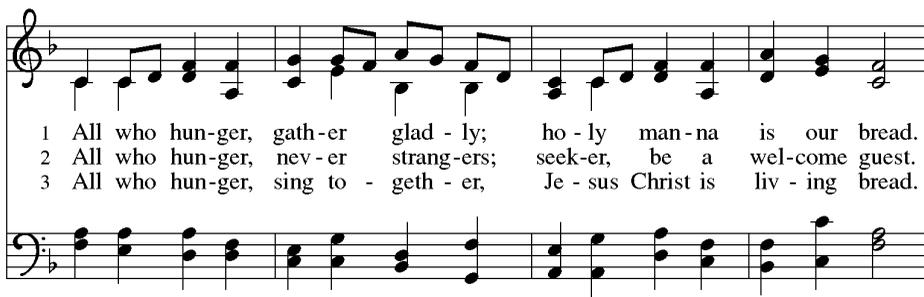
For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

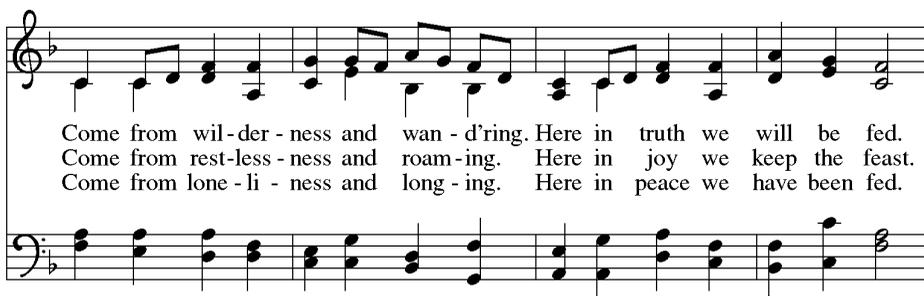
**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

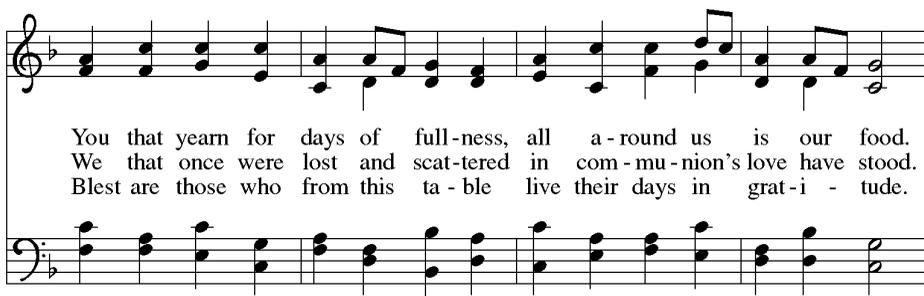
## All Who Hunger Gather Gladly



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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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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## 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.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Music: *Mass No. 1*, Avon Gillespie

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# HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



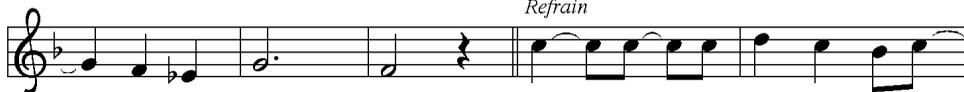
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 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.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

**H**o, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that  
which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does  
not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is  
good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for the  
peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do  
not know,  
and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.  
The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.  
You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.  
You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.  
You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

## SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to

them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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## GOSPEL

Saint Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.<sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them

something to eat."<sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."<sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me."<sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.<sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.<sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

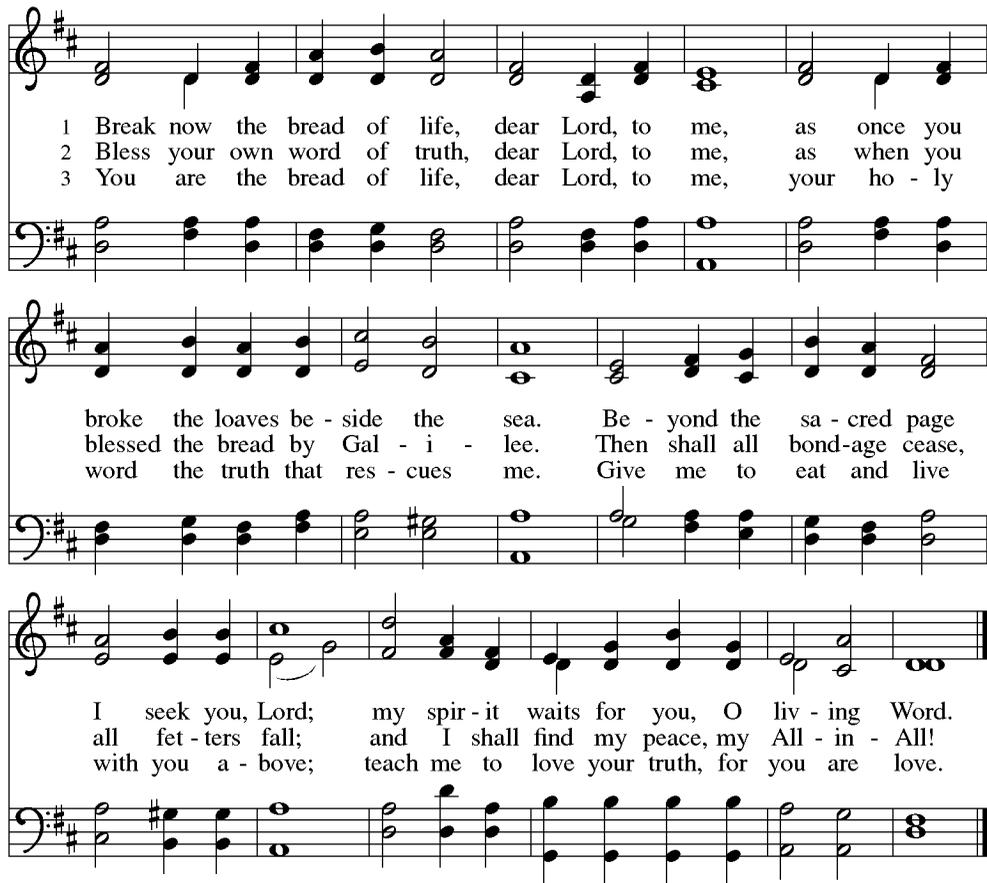
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

The Rev. Becca Seely  
*Executive Director and Pastor, LMHE*

## HYMN OF THE DAY



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.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies that protect the most vulnerable. Free us from the myth of scarcity and set us free to share in the abundance you offer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregations and ministries such welcoming hearts, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Today we especially give you thanks for our campus ministries, the colleges and universities that host these programs, the faithful servants who lead them, and the students who are fed by them throughout their college years. Bless campus ministers, boards, donors, and volunteers, and especially bless those students who seek out campus ministry as a way to grow closer to you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray today for students, teachers, TAs, administrators, custodians, food service workers, and everyone who works in service to learning. Give your servants courage to face the unknowns of the semester ahead, keep them safe, and guide them as they seek new ways to foster learning and understanding. Help them, and all of us, to use our knowledge in service to you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

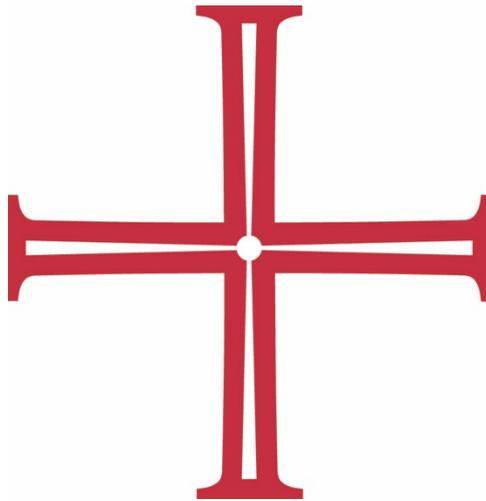
In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



# + Thanksgiving +

## MISSION MINUTE

### OFFERING

*In addition to your offering to your congregation, please consider making a special offering to support LMHE's ministry with college and graduate students in New York City. To make an offering, visit [thevinenyc.org/donate](http://thevinenyc.org/donate) or mail a check to LMHE at PO Box 250813, New York, NY 10025.*

### PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Nourish us through your gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,  
wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:  
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in  
need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus  
Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

# + Sending +

## **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Earth and All Stars (found on following page)  
We sing stanzas 1-3, and 5*

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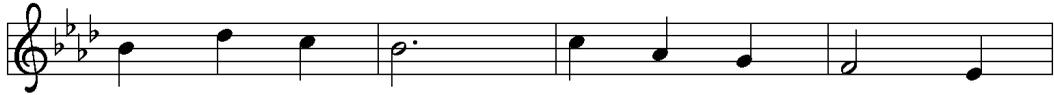
Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## **SERVING IN THIS LITURGY**

<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Becca Seely <i>Executive Director and Pastor, LMHE</i>
<b>Children's Preacher</b>	Vicar Cassie Hartnett <i>Campus Ministry Alum and Candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry</i>
<b>Presiding at the Thanksgiving for the Word</b>	The Rev. William Kroeze <i>Pastor, Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish, Manhattan President of the Board, LMHE</i>
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<b>Intercessor</b>	Blake Jones <i>Student, Columbia University</i>
<b>Song Leaders</b>	The Rev. Chris Shelton <i>Pastor, Broadway Presbyterian Church, Manhattan Vice President of the LMHE Board</i>  The Rev. Arden Strasser <i>Pastor, Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Manhattan LMHE Board Member</i>  Dominic Frigo, piano Jay Julio, viola <i>Broadway Presbyterian Church, Manhattan</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	Simon Doong <i>Campus Ministry Alum</i>