

**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 4, 2024
10:00 AM
Stewart Park

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORD OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

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you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

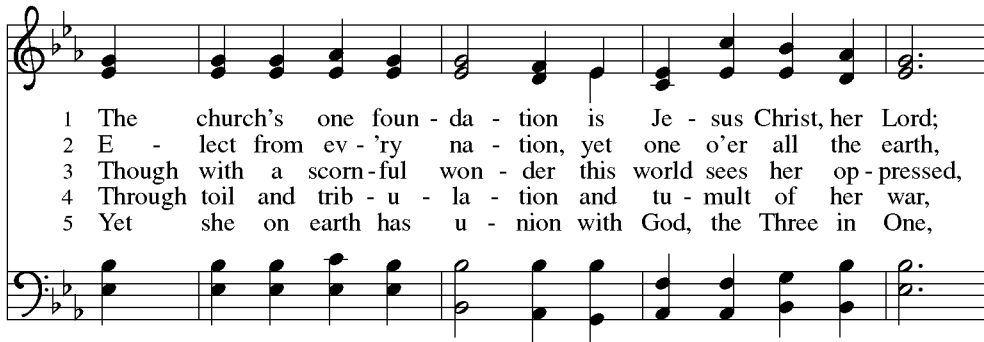
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

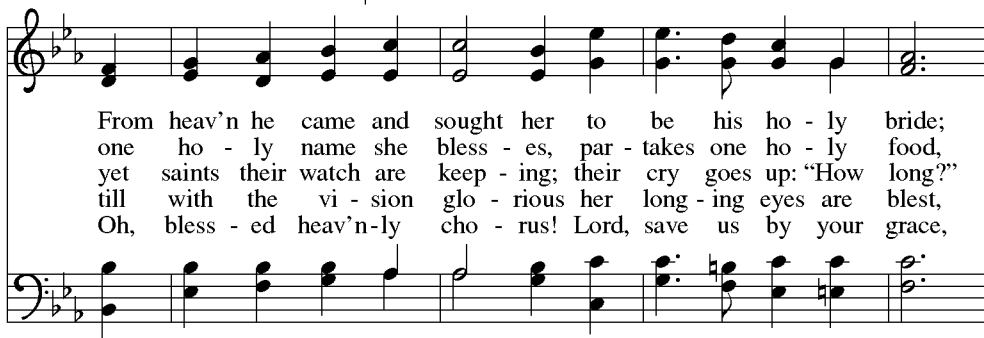
Please greet one another with a sign of peace, such as a handshake, being mindful of those who prefer less contact, or the "peace" sign.



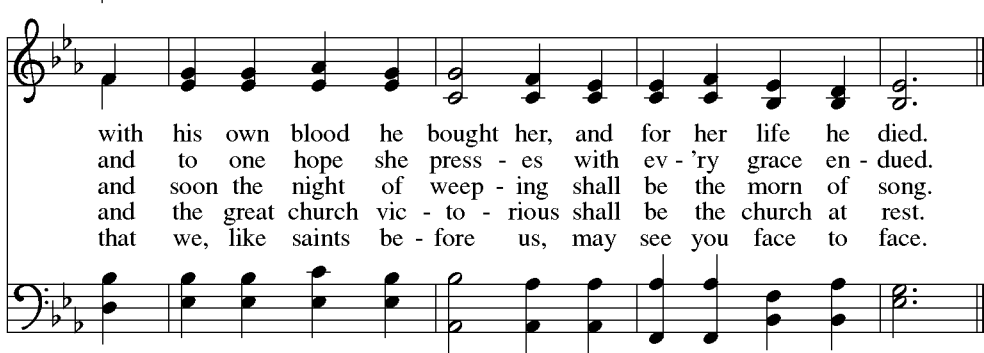
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

GREETING

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

PSALM 78:23-29

The psalm is spoken responsively.

²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶ **The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

**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.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation "Al-le - lu - ia". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a church service. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The vocal line is a simple, melodic line that repeats the words "Al-le - lu - ia" three times.

***GOSPEL**

John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

APOSTLES'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response to the petitions, which all end "Merciful God," is
Receive our prayer.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

*An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of
those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org*

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Hall Johnson



OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

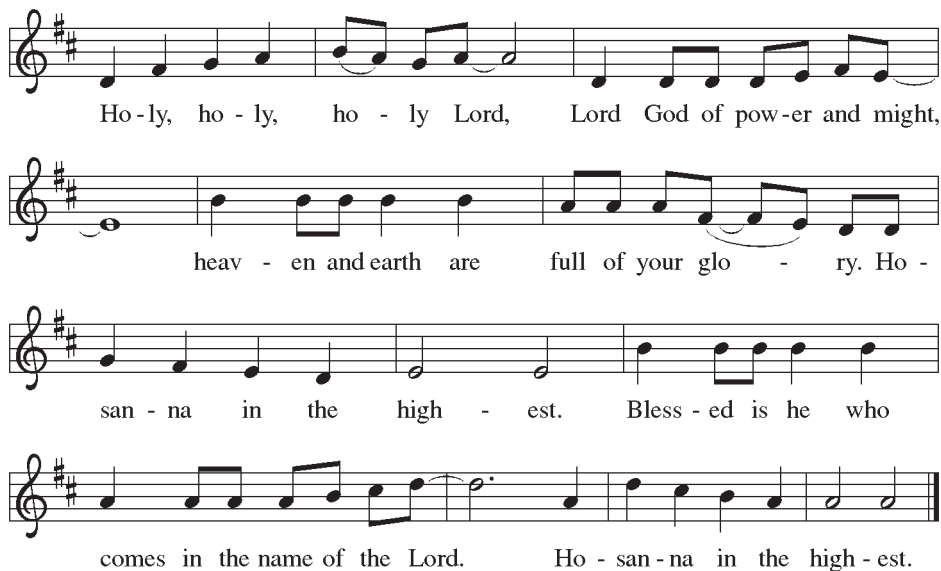
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting Six



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**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.**

*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Grant us peace.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table Christ without exception. The ministers will come around with the elements. Gluten free wafers are available as is both wine and juice.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Calvary's Love

Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

TABLE BLESSING

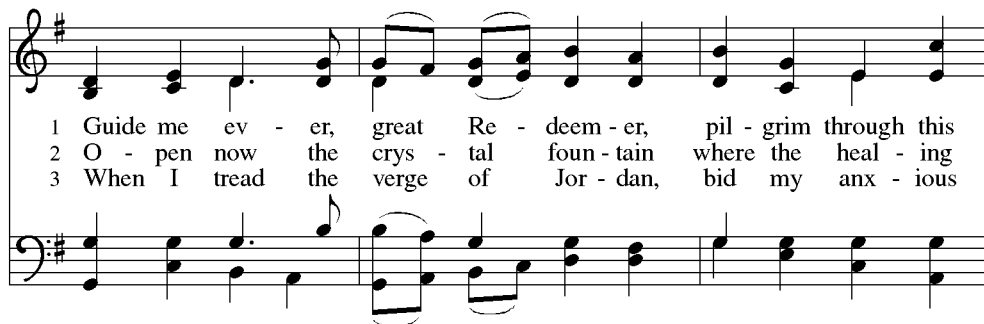
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

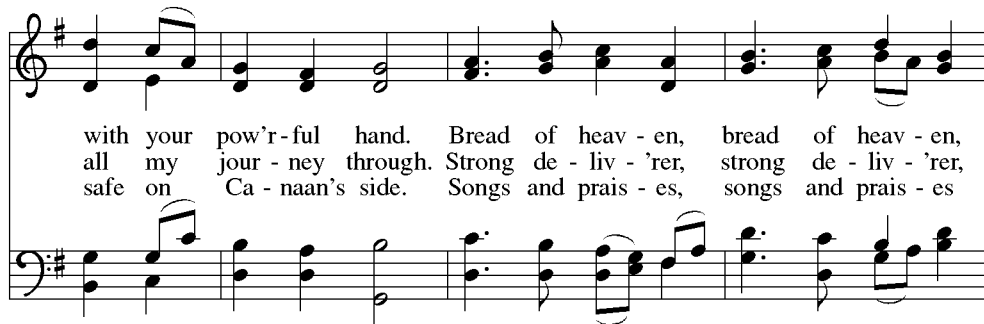
BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Nicole Nelson
Reader:	Suzanne Snedeker
Ushers:	Emma Dodici and Beth Dewalt
Baritone:	Angus Godwin
Trumpet:	Bob Wagner
Trombone:	Sophie Sparrow
Sound and livestream	Andy Antal
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 6 12:15

Bible Study

Sunday, August 11 10

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Luke Dewalt for leading the grilling for our picnic, and to all who brought dishes to share!

NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Jason will be recovering from sinus surgery and Pastor Bair will preside and preach at the service. We welcome him back!

Also next Sunday, if you expect to be remote, you may wish to download the bulletin from the website main page ahead of time. Our tech team is unavailable and so the web-cast will be very basic, as it is today.

THE AUGUST RED WAGON FOOD ITEM: Pasta.

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK:

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 |
Thursday, August 8**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 | Saturday, August 10

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather

UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32
Ephesians 4:17-24

Tuesday

Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Deuteronomy 8:1-20
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Wednesday

Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Isaiah 55:1-9
Mark 8:1-10

Thursday

Psalm 34:1-8
1 Samuel 28:20-25
Romans 15:1-6

Friday

Psalm 34:1-8
2 Samuel 17:15-29
Galatians 6:1-10

Saturday

Psalm 34:1-8
1 Kings 2:1-9
Matthew 7:7-11

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

John 6:24-35

The sign of the miracle of the feeding has been narrated, and now the evangelist discourses on its meaning. John relies on two central images from the Old Testament for this explication of Christology. (1) The Son of Man is an eschatological judge, but here in John this judge gives food for life. The seal refers to the authorization of an official by the monarch. (2) The manna came not from Moses, but from God, who now gives the manna that is Jesus Christ. Verse 33 can be translated either “that which” or “the one who.” So both the Son of Man and the manna are metaphors for Christ. Understanding this passage assumes that one knows the Hebrew Scriptures. This passage, which refers to the cosmology of a three-tier universe, now alien to us, parallels Jesus’ conversation with the woman at the well (chap. 4). People who think they want food and drink receive instead Christ.

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Fundamental to Jewish memory was the time before the settling of Canaan when the tribes were nomadic and always searching for food. Geographical confusions surrounding this story probably result from a merging of Priestly and Yahwist sources. A cloud is not merely a meteorological manifestation, but is the presence of God promising life-giving rain. Some scholars suggest that manna is the sweet excrement of insects left on tamarisk trees in the morning, which melts away in the sun. Bedouins still eat this delicacy. To answer “What is it?” the narrative enlists a pun, meaning something like “What-d’ya-call-it.”

Having heard the story of the manna, we respond by singing **Psalm 78:23-29**. This long historical psalm includes a section retelling the manna story, calling the miraculous food the bread of angels. Later in the service, we will be fed with the bread of angels.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Replying on the biblical picture of a three-tier universe, this passage applies an early trinitarian theology (“who is above all and through all and in all”) to the body of Christ, which is the church. Christ is not only on the top level, but fills all. This author has adapted Paul’s metaphor of the church as the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27) by describing Christ as the head and the church as the body.

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