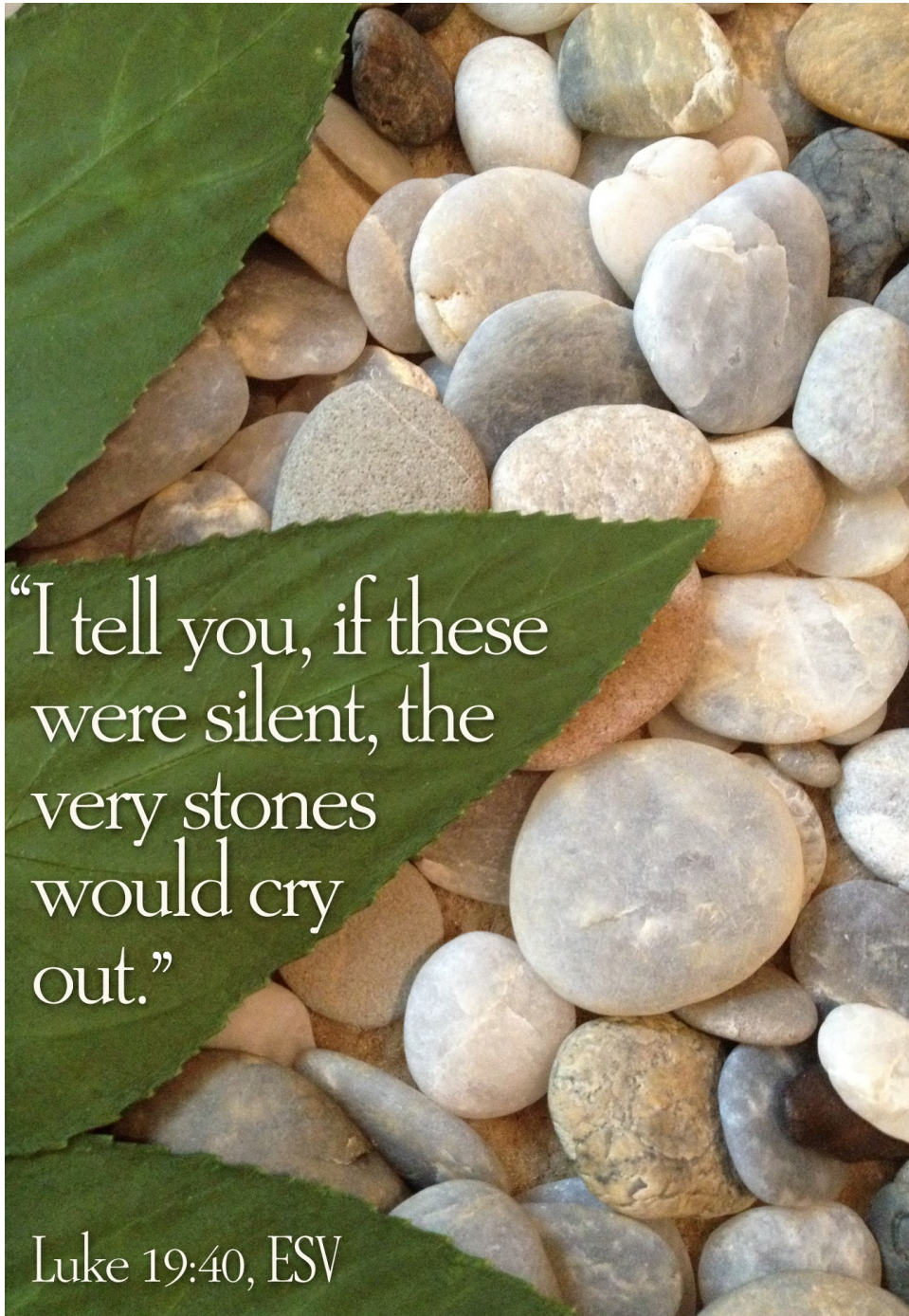


Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve.
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PRELUDE *(A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *“Hosanna to the Son of David”* (GB) Senior Choir

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

FIRST READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Gospel: Luke 19:29-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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APOSTLE'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.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION "Bread of the Word" (Dennis Eliot) Senior Choir

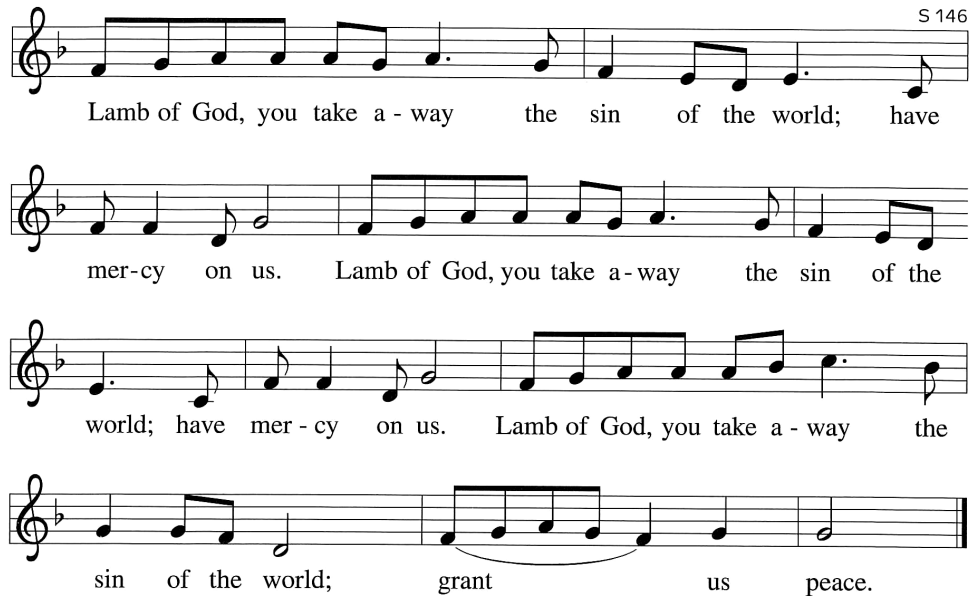
(Lyrics are printed on the back of your bulletin)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven.
Give us this day is 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.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gift of this day - for the opportunity to gather as a community of faith, to wave palms, and to lift up songs of gladness, and to embrace and celebrate the story of Your life, death, and resurrection. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus.

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the way you embraced children, welcomed the outcast, uplifted the lowly, and invited all people to Your table of grace. Help us to live our lives in similar fashion by loving kindness, working for justice, and building a community where no one is shunted to the margins or treated as 'other.' Help us to love others as You first loved us. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus.

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for embracing humility by riding into Jerusalem on the back of a simple, humble donkey. Remind us of how true greatness is most often found in simplicity, and how the richest blessings emerge from selfless concern for others. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus..

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gift of life itself, and for all of the blessings that make life worth living. We especially thank You for the blessing of family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and mentors from whom we learn so much about ourselves, the world, and the place of Your Gospel in our lives. We thank You for fashioning each and every person as a wondrous and one-of-a-kind individual. Open our eyes and hearts to see and to cherish each other as we are. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus.

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for walking with us even in life's darkest and most difficult hours. You were deeply acquainted with grief, and You understand our pain and sorrows as well as we do. Uphold all those who are contending with illness, injury, and troubles in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for..... Bless them, and bless all who are an extension of Your grace as caregivers. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus.

Hosanna! We thank you, Lord Jesus, for every aspect of Your ministry on earth for the truths You revealed to Your first followers that have uplifted and enlightened Your people through the generations and for the events of Holy Week in which You revealed the height and breadth and depth of Your love for us. For all You have done for us,
we praise you, Christ Jesus.

Walk with us in the days to come, that we may receive Your healing, share in Your Last Supper, revisit the scene at Calvary, and experience once again the joy of Your Easter Resurrection. We pray all this in Your holy and precious name,
Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in the Mark Hurn room for our Palm Sunday Breakfast.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in honor of our very talented organist Randy Fischer.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Join Us For Breakfast After Worship This Morning

Please join us downstairs in the Mark Hurn room after worship this morning for breakfast and conversation. The menu includes egg bakes, sausage and pancakes, fruit, milk, juice and coffee! All are welcome!

Maundy Thursday Worship at Mound Cemetery Chapel

On Thursday, April 17th we will meet at the chapel at Mound Cemetery to reflect on the supper Jesus had with his disciples before his crucifixion. At 6:15 we'll share a simple Agape refreshments. The 7:00 pm worship service will include quiet reflection, prayer, chanting, and communion. There is limited space for parking in the cemetery so we suggest parking in the CVS lot across the street. If someone wants to come to the Maundy Thursday Service but doesn't like to drive at night, please let the office know by Tuesday, April 15th at noon as we will be arranging rideshares.

Good Friday and Easter Worship Services

Good Friday worship will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 18th. We will have one service on Easter Sunday at 9:30a.m.

Sunday School & Youth Choir Announcements

Palm Sunday: All children and youth are invited to process into church during the prelude of the first hymn on Palm Sunday. Please go to the back of the church and look for Patrick who will be leading the kids that day.

Easter Sunday: The children and youth will be singing *And This is Why We Sing* before the children's sermon that day. All young people who know it are invited to come to the front of the church at that time to share their gift of music with the congregation.

Holy Communion Honey Do List

Are you looking to volunteer without having to attend meetings? Do you like to do things on your own time? Do you enjoy light painting, clean up and fixing things? If so, you are the perfect fit for tackling things on the Holy Communion Honey-Do list. We could use some help with the following:

- painting
- light wall repair
- general cleaning
- organizing

If you are interested, please contact Gregg Albright at 262-989-6432 or kygregg@mac.com. Thank you!

Finance Update

February Finance Numbers
 Revenue: \$42,898.84
 Expense: \$44,134.23
 Net Income: \$(1,295.39)

Year to Date Finance Numbers
 Revenue: \$ 99,796.50
 Expense: \$103,945.99
 Net Income: \$(4,149.49)

In person attendance Sunday, April 6 - 134 online attendance - 21
 In person attendance Wednesday, April 9 - 32 online attendance - 14

SAVE THE DATE! Stained Glass Window Presentation Sunday, June 1st, shortly after church in the sanctuary.

Come hear about stained glass window artistry, interesting facts about our stained glass windows and an overview of what will be happening with our windows! Enjoy some light refreshments and a presentation by a representative from Willet Studios in Winona, MN. RSVP to church office via email, office.hclc@gmail.com or phone 262-632-8802 with the number attending please!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

April 15th, the Third Tuesday Bible Study will have its Zoom meeting to discuss the last chapter of the Gospel of Mark. Just as Holy Communion will be celebrating Holy Week, our study will focus on Jesus before Pilate, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. In the midst of their grief, Jesus appears to the disciples and charges them to go and be a witness to others that God will be with each of us always. Contact Julie Burton, jaburton5914@gmail.com, to get the Zoom link.

Cooking With Class, April 29th

Staci Joers will be back to HCLC on at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29th with another cooking class. The 151st running of the Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. Can't make it?!? Well, let's try our some of these Southern favorites that will make you fee like you're right there. The menu will be: old fashioned pimento cheese with crackers, shrimp-n-grits, jalapeno cheddar cornbread with hot honey, and chocolate pecan pie with bourbon whipped cream. The class is \$25 and must be paid before April 22. Get your reservation in to the church office soon, before the class sells out! Contact Marianne Jensen with questions - marjen722@yahoo.com

Upcoming Worship, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, April 13 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast
Monday, April 14 - 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, April 15 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study
Thursday, April 16 - Maundy Thursday Worship at Mound Cemetery Chapel
6:15 Agape Refreshments
7:00 Worship
Friday, April 17 - 7:00 Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 20 - 9:30 Easter Worship
Monday, April 21 - Office Closed
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, April 22 - Chalice newsletter deadline

Anthem Lyrics

The Senior Choir's anthem "Bread of the World" (Dennis Eliot) combines these lyrics with the American folk tune "Wayfaring Stranger."

Bread of the world in mercy broken.
Wine of the soul in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose deeds our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken.
Look on the tears by sinners shed.
And may your feast to us be a token
that by your grace our souls are fed.

Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father.
Fill up the cup and break the bread.
O let us feel your loving power.
O let us hear the words you said:

"This is my blood and body broken.
Refresh your spirit, make it whole.
Remember me with food the token-
bread of the world - wine of the soul."