

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Eighteenth Sunday
 Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026
 11:00 a.m.

Only Say the Word

We receive Communion
 in a sprawling ellipse
 in front of the sanctuary.

As ministers of the sacrament
 make their rounds, Patrick begins to play
Seek ye first.

Our voices join. They swell and rise.

I glance up, and see Mary and Becky,
 Alice and William, Tammy holding
 wee Brigid, Mark and Bill, and Sylvia.
 Such expressions of peace.

Lauren’s soprano voice
 ascends to stratospheric heights
 on the descant,
 alleluias harmonizing
 with a host of angel-choristers.

And I weep.

And so it has been, every week.
 How included I feel, and indeed am;
 how close to a loving God.

Thomas DeFreitas

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Established 1743
 Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
 We Choose Welcome

Sunday, August 2
Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
 Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
 215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Monday, August 3
 Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4
 Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5
 Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 6
 Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Meck, 128 E. German Street

Friday, August 7
 Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 9
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
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Office Note: Lynn Dampman will be out of the office through August 7. Church office hours during this time will be 10 am – 2 pm with the exception of Fridays, where the office will be closed. Volunteers will serve in Lynn’s absence.

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"I have seen God face to face, yet my life is pre-served." **Genesis 32:30**

My steps have held fast to your paths. **Psaln 17:5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ. **Romans 9:1**

"You give them something to eat." **Matthew 14:16**

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Assistant
Lynne Wiseman

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Tech Support
Mark Nutwell

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 507, v. 1-2

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace ...*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Table Blessing

***Hymn 509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Response 437 (2x)

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

Response 590 (2x)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Response 590 (2x)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Blessing the World

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Response 507, v. 3-4

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of hope ...*

First Pew

Response 507, v. 5

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-10

Sermon

"On Brisket, Breakfast Tacos, and the Table That Sustains"

***Hymn 536**

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

+ + +

***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending 547, v. 1**

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

***Postlude**

On the Way, every meal is a shared story.

**Posted along
the Camino de Santiago**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Wholeness
Based on Isaiah 55:1-2

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Host of the Feast is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Our minds, our hearts, our bodies long to be fed.

Let us give thanks for the Bread of Life.

The table is set. The banquet is ready. Come, let us feast!

In a mystery of faith, we dare to proclaim:

The Feast has died. The Feast is risen!

The Feast will come again.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:

subsistence for the call of growing life.

Give us the food we need to grow

through each new day,

through each illumination of life's needs.

Let the measure of our need be earthiness:

give all things simple, verdant, passionate.

Produce in us, for us, the possible:
each only-human step toward home lit up.

Help us fulfill what lies within the circle of our lives:
each day we ask no more, no less.

Animate the earth within us:

we then feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.

Generate through us the bread of life:

we hold only what is asked to feed the next mouth.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Amen.

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Sung Response 507

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace ... love ... hope ... joy ...

"Sabbatical Stories"

SPC Worship in August - Labor Day Weekend

August 2 (with communion and potluck):

**On Brisket, Breakfast Tacos,
and the Table That Sustains**
Isaiah 25:6-9

August 9: Best Laid Plans

Jeremiah 29:11-14

August 16: His Eye Is on the Gila Monster

Job 12:7-10

August 23: When Church Hurts

Psalms 55, selected verses

August 30: Seventy Time Seven

Matthew 18:21-22

September 6: Our Labor of Rest

Psalms 23

Prayer for Wholeness

The waters call to the thirsty.

The table calls to the hungry and hurting:

Come! Wine and milk are yours!

Eat your fill! Free and clear!

Taste and see that God is good!

Yet we spend our money

for that which is not bread.

We labor for that which can never satisfy.

We miss the call, busy and burdened as we are.

We fear we have missed the meal altogether.

Just come, the still small voice whispers again.

Delight yourselves in goodness.

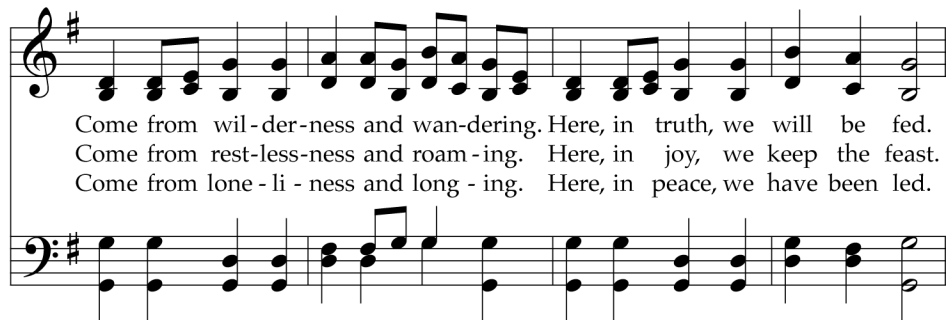
Listen to this Love — and Live!

Based on Isaiah 55

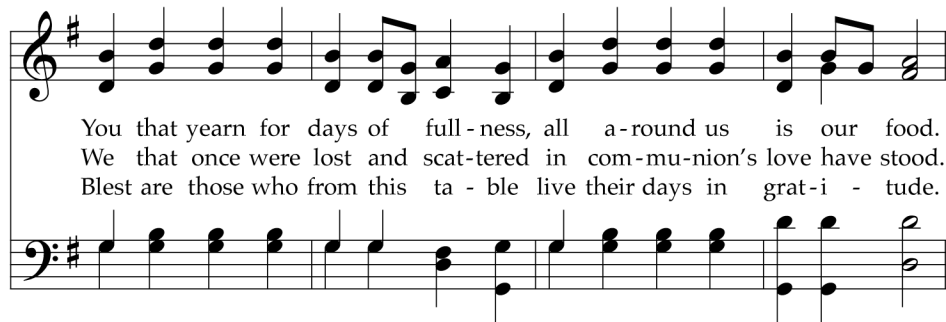
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



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-dering. 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 led.



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.

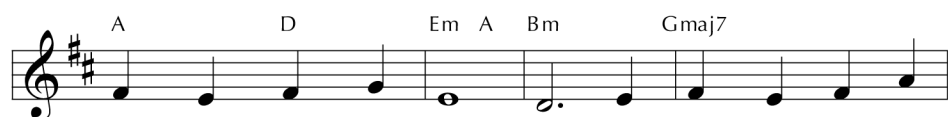
The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

LORD'S SUPPER

536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



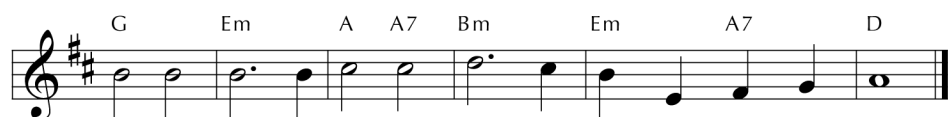
1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.



There is more to this story!

Use this code to finish the story.

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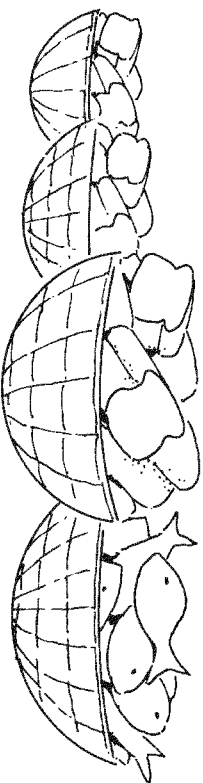
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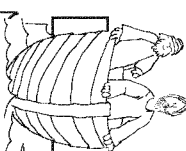
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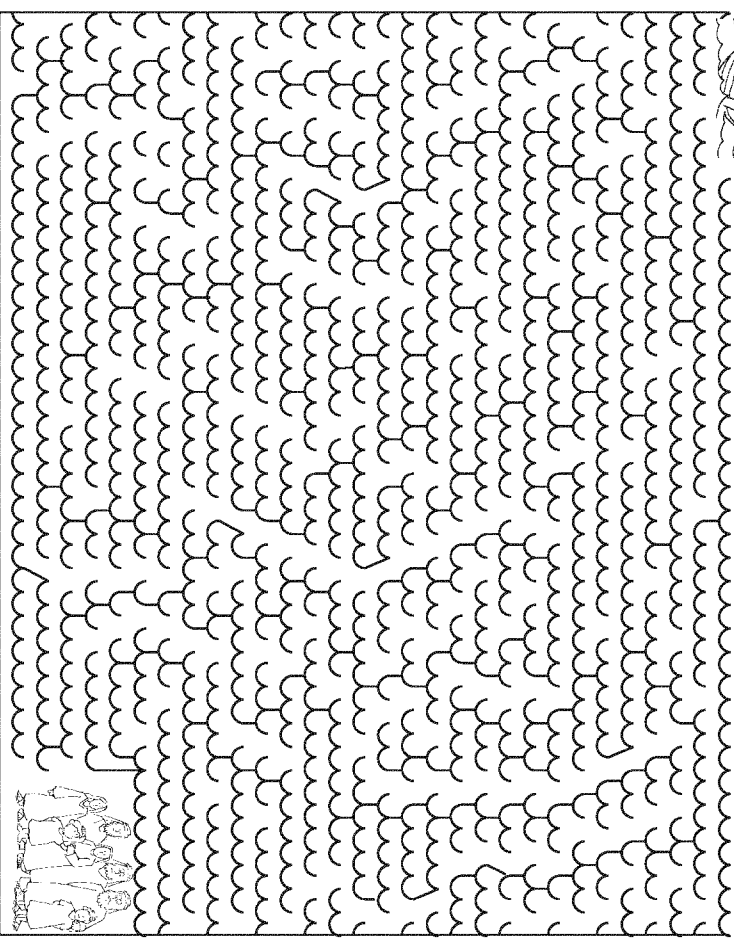
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Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

Jesus went by boat to a place where He could be alone. A crowd followed Him on foot. When Jesus saw this, He spoke to them and healed their sick.



Take the boat across the lake to the crowd.



As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, "Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

Finish each word in the puzzle with the letter groups from this list.
Use each once.

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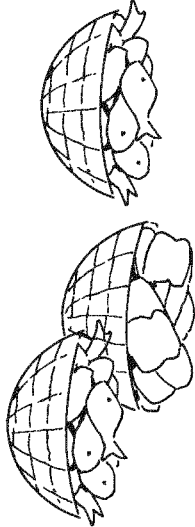
"We have here only five loa_____ of _____ad
and two fish," they _____ered.

"Br_____ them here to Me," He said.

And He dire_____ the _____ple to sit down
on the _____ss. _____ing the five loaves and
the two fish and loo_____ up to hea_____.

He gave _____nks and _____ke the _____ves.

Then He gave them to the disc_____, and
the _____iples gave them to the peo_____.



Use the graph to find out what happened with the hungry crowd.



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