

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 19, 2025
Bible Basics 4: What Famine?
(Social Location and Bible Interpretation)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: As we begin our time of worship,

We speak out loud our desire to face the brokenness in our lives.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Merciful God . . .

C: . . . as we prepare ourselves to be open to you, we honestly admit to shortcomings in our living. We live selfishly and miss the need of gratitude. We live fearfully and miss the need of grace. We live self-righteously and miss the possibility of learning how to be forgiven.

God, forgive us, and free us to be right with you again, so that we can live more as the people You have called us to be.

P: God offers us daily the gift of forgiveness and a new beginning. Nothing, NOTHING, can separate us from the love of God. By Grace we have been saved! Hear God's declaration that we are forgiven for our sins. Be reconciled to God, know Christ's Peace and rejoice in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Spirit of God's love.

C: Amen.

🎵GATHERING HYMN ~ Gather Us In

ELW #532

Verse 1:

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2:

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 3:

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Verse 4:

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

†GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Please join me in our opening prayer:

P: Heavenly Father,

C: We thank you for the gift of your living Word. Whenever we open our bibles, we ask your Holy Spirit to illuminate our minds and hearts. Help us to not just read, but truly hear, understand, and inwardly digest your message. May your Word strengthen us to be better disciples, so that we may be a light to all your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORD

†LESSONS: Hebrews 4:12-13

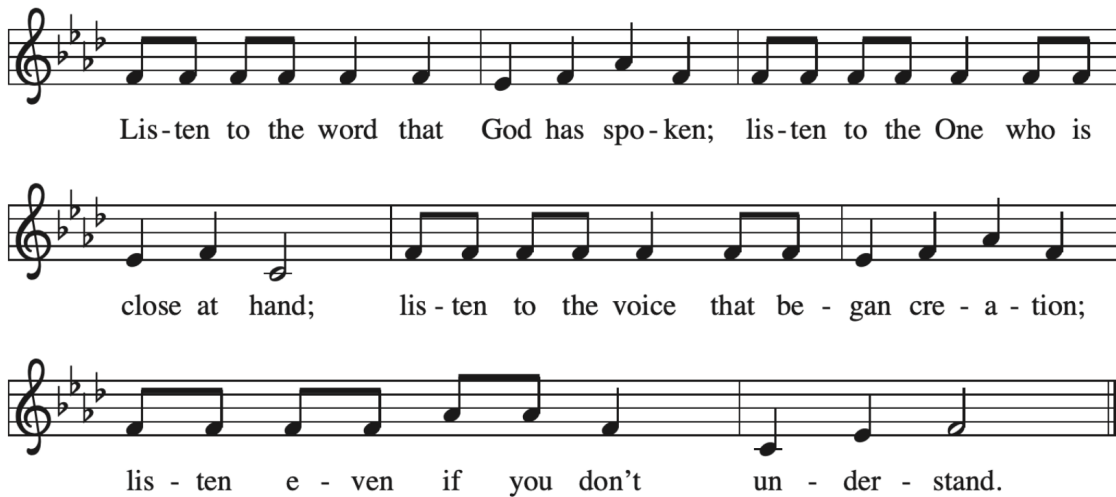
Luke 15:11-24

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♫GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *Listen to the Word*

ACS #974



†GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

†SERMON

Pastor Dana O'Brien

♫HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Ancient Words

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Verse 1:

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Verse 2:

Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus 4x

We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

†THE APOSTLES' 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

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

†SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share that peace with one another.

†OFFERING

Please pass the offering plates as directed by the ushers.

♪OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

Jessica Sweet & Colleen Turner

Arranged by Jamey Ray

†OFFERING PRAYER

P: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

P: Lord God . . .

C: . . . let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need. Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.

MEAL

†GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♪HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ *I Love You, Lord*

PSB #1

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

†WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†LORD'S PRAYER

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.

†THE MEAL IS SHARED

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. Those at home will be communed first.
The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts. You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor.
Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).*

♪COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Blessed by the Bread, Graced by the Wine*

Jessica Sweet & Colleen Turner

By Mary Kay Beall

♪COMMUNION HYMN ~ *We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

PSB #90

Refrain:

We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom,
are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

Verse 2:

Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
bread and wine she is preparing,
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

Wisdom calls throughout the city,
knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

Enter with delight and singing,
for her richness now is bringing
us this joyous celebration;
eat and drink in jubilation. *Refrain*

†COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you always in God's grace.

C: Amen

SENDING

†BENEDICTION

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

🎵 **SENDING SONG** ~ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ELW #543

Verse 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."

Verse 2:

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

Verse 3:

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

✠ **DISMISSAL**

P: Go with love. Share God's peace with one another, and take it into the world as you go to love and serve the Lord!

C: Amen!

🎵 **POSTLUDE**

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