

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

October 5, 2025 ✠ 9 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Procession and Hymn
Andrea Handley

Jubilee Handbell Choir

GREETING AND SHARING THE PEACE

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.

KIDS OF THE KIN(G)DOM

Bless Quilts & School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bob Mens

Let us pray (*brief silence*). Holy provider, despite your people's hardened hearts, you gave them manna when they were hungry. Soften our hearts and make us grateful for your marvelous gifts.
Amen.

WORD

EXODUS 16:1-36

Sue Hamen

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the LORD's glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" Moses continued, "The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the LORD, because he’s heard your complaints.’” As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses, “I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer [two quarts] per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.’” The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat. Moses said to them, “Don’t keep any of it until morning.” But they didn’t listen to Moses. Some kept part of it until morning, but it became infested with worms and stank. Moses got angry with them. Every morning they gathered it, as much as each person could eat. But when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

On the sixth day the people collected twice as much food as usual, two omers [one gallon] per person. All the chiefs of the community came and told Moses. He said to them, “This is what the LORD has said, “Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. But you can set aside and keep all the leftovers until the next morning.” So they set the leftovers aside until morning, as Moses had commanded. They didn’t stink or become infested with worms. The next day Moses said, “Eat it today, because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. Today you won’t find it out in the field. Six days you will gather it. But on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be nothing to gather.”

On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather bread, but they found nothing. The LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to obey my commandments and instructions? Look! the LORD has given you the Sabbath. Therefore, on the sixth day he gives you enough food for two days. Each of you should stay where you are and not leave your place on the seventh day.” So the people *rested* on the seventh day.

The Israelite people called it manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and tasted like honey wafers. Moses said, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Let an omer [two quarts] of it be kept safe for *future generations* so that they can see the food that I used to feed you in the desert when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”

Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar, and put one full omer of manna in it. Then set it in the LORD’s presence, where it should be kept safe for future generations.” Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses, and he put it in front of the covenant document for safekeeping. The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to a livable land. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. (An omer is one-tenth of an ephah.)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:43, 47-49, 51

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus responded: “Don’t grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, and they died.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa Micham

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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IMMIGRANTS’ CREED

Rev. Jose Luis Casal (adapted)

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the Israelites through exodus and exile, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of migrants and the displaced.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his native land, he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, not as an outcast but to offer citizenship in God’s reign.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages and lives among all peoples. I believe the Church is to be a secure home for sojourners and all who believe. I believe the communion of saints begins when we embrace God’s people in all their variety. I believe in the power of forgiveness to heal human divisions; I believe truthful reconciliation makes us whole before God.

I believe in the Resurrection: God will unite us as one people in whom all are distinct and all are held in love. I believe in everlasting life: no one will be a foreigner; all will be welcome citizens in God’s kin-dom of justice and mercy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

MEAL**OFFERING AND
MUSICAL OFFERING**

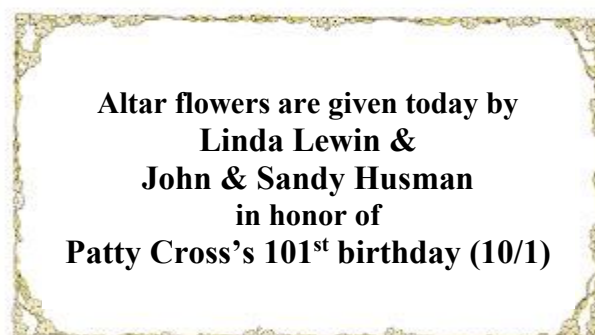
Sing Unto the Lord
Charles Yannarella

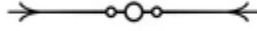
Olivet Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we return a portion of all you give us. Set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provide for us. Multiply what we share to bless those who suffer or are in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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