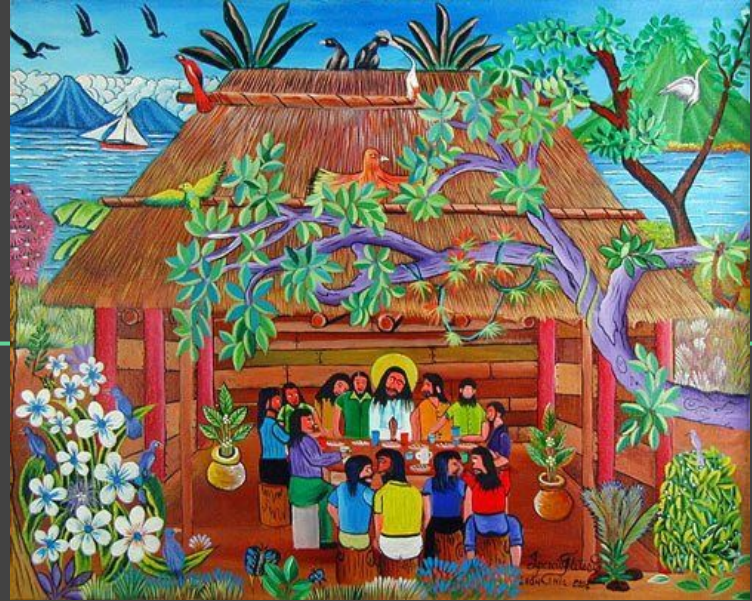


Welcome to Lake Avenue Baptist Church

October 4, 2026



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Centering Words

You emptied yourself completely

Keeping nothing for Yourself.

Now naked, utterly stripped,

You give Yourself to us as bread

And as wine that consoles us.

You are Light and Truth.

You are the Way and the Hope.

You are Love.

Grow in us, Christ Jesus!

Good Mornings

Ma gwa na ni (Shona), **Ming galaba** (Burmese), **Mwah be you ay** (Bembe), **Mbote** (Lingala), **Jam bo** (Swahili), **Na Dam Ma** (Chin), **Gaw Ler Gay** (Karen), **Buenos Dias** (Spanish), **Bonjour** (French), **Zǎoshang hǎo** (Chinese), **Kaja Na Ai Ee** (Jinghpaw Kachin), **Te Rya Beh Tee** (Karenni), **Mauri** (Kiribati), **Oo-ya Morgen** (Flemish)

Announcements

- Adult Ed following service - Soe Win's Thailand Research Part 2
- Kids' Halloween Movie Day - Saturday, Oct 17
- "Is America Possible" - Sunday, Oct 18

Call to Worship -

One: In the name of our host for today,

I bid you welcome to this hospitable house.

All: In the name of Christ Jesus

We greet one another with peace and joy.

Call to Worship -

One: This is a time for knowing and growing,

For seeing and freeing,

For sharing and caring,

For restoring and adoring,

All: for bringing the best of our love

And singing our hearts out with praise.

Opening Prayer - In unison

We believe in you, O God, for you have made the suffering of humanity your suffering. You have come to establish a kingdom of the poor and humble. Today we sing to you, because you are alive, you have saved us, you have made us free. Amen.

Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

Cantemos al Señor
Un himno de alegría,
Un cántico de amor
Al nacer el nuevo día.

Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

Él hizo el cielo, el mar,
el sol, y las estrellas,
Y en ellos vio bondad,
pues sus obras eran bellas.

Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

Cantemos al Señor

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Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

Cantemos al Señor

Un himno de alabanza

Que exprese nuestro amor,

Nuestra fe, y nuestra esperanza.

Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

Toda la creación
pregona su grandeza.

Así nuestro cantar
va anunciando su belleza.

Opening Song - Cantemos al Creador (Creator God We Sing)

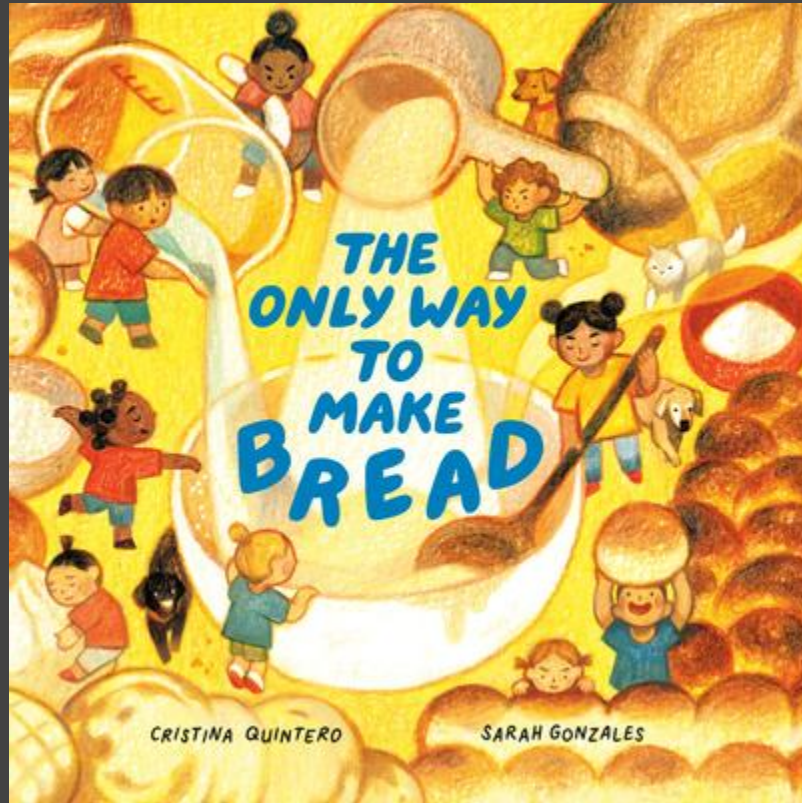
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Children's Message



Song of Blessing for Children - Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace,

Go now in peace,

May the love of God surround you,

Everywhere, everywhere

You may go. (x2)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Invitation to Offering
- Ministry of Music
- Doxology
 - **For fish and poi, for bread and meat,
For all You give to us to eat;
For hands that help and hearts that share
God, offer we our grateful prayer.**
- Blessing

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer (Next Slide)

Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Lord's Prayer

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

Lord's Prayer

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now
and forever.**

Amen.

Ancient Word - Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

1-4 If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care – then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Ancient Word - Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death – and the worst kind of death at that – a crucifixion.

Ancient Word - Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

9-11 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth – even those long ago dead and buried – will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Lover of all, to the glorious honor of God.

Ancient Word - Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

12-13 What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give God the most pleasure.

Reflection on the Word - “Bread of the World”



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The Ordinance of Communion



Art for World Communion Sunday 2015

Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;

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Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Emmanuel) everywhere!

Communion Hymn - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: I bring rye bread to the table today. It is a staple bread of the laboring class in much of Europe.

All: Let it symbolize for us all who are unemployed, underemployed, and seeking jobs. In our own work, enable us to support those without work. May our work in some way bring meaning to people's lives.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: I bring rice cakes to our table. Through many centuries rice has been a staple food for people of Asian countries. For many rice is a primary source of sustenance, life, and strength.

All: Let these rice cakes stand for people and children who know and live rich and varied cultures that are often unfamiliar to western peoples. Let this treasured food remind us that the peoples of the east and west, in relationship with each other, have much to share and much to learn. Let the experience of meeting east and west expand our vision and strengthen our resolve in expressing the boundless love of God.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: Cornbread reminds us of our siblings who are oppressed by racism, sexism, and other unjust structures.

All: Cornbread reminds us of people of all races who have been enslaved and oppressed by injustice. May the vision of God's new creation and the power of the Spirit strengthen us all to work against racism, sexism, and unjust structures.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: Unleavened bread calls to mind the refugees and exiles, those who, like the ancient Israelites, have had to leave their homes, and even flee their homelands.

All: Let this bread, a symbol of leaving one's home country in haste, remind us of contemporary refugees of war, famine, and political oppression.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: Fruits of the earth such as corn and beans are ancient foods for Meso-American peoples. I bring tortillas made of corn to remind us of our Meso-American sisters and brothers.

All: Let these tortillas remind us of God's love and care that strengthens us and binds us together. Let them remind us of where we come from and who we are in a world of so many different peoples. May we be those who remember who we are.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: I bring sourdough bread to our table today. It has as its leavening agent a small amount of dough from the last batch. Thus we hold in our hearts our parents and grandparents; all our ancestors who have gone before us.

All: We remember those whose life blood we have in our veins and all of the elderly who are often forgotten. We honor those who have taught us wisdom, who have shown us how to endure and who have passed on to us the hunger to make a difference in our world. Let us be empowered by the witness and work of those who have gone before us.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: Cookies bring to mind children. Let them signify all the little children and those especially concerned with children.

All: Cookies remind us of the many children who go without food. They also bring to mind parents, expectant parents, teachers and midwives and all others who care for a nurture children. Help us transform those persons and systems that abuse the weak and vulnerable.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: I bring multigrain bread to our table. It consists of a variety of ingredients, just as our world consists of a variety of ethnicities, skin colors, sexual orientations, and genders. The grains in this bread are different but complement each other, just as all God's children complement each other, if we allow it to be so.

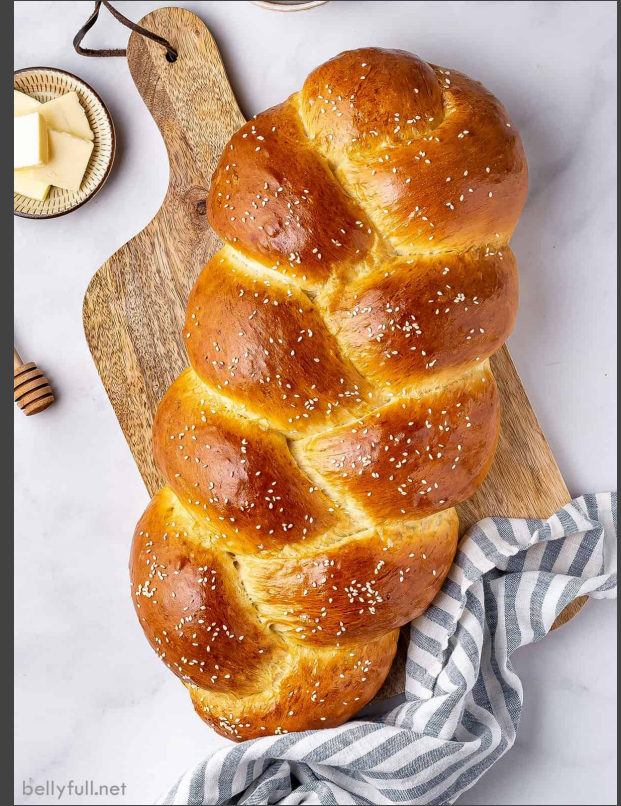
All: Let this bread represent all people who live in exile from their families, friends, workplace, children, and faith communities. Empower us to reach out to and welcome those who feel rejected as outcasts and all who suffer.



Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: This woven challah represents all the people of the world who are woven together as we share this one earth. We all live, love, work, and die together on this planet.

All: The challah represents all of us who struggle to provide for ourselves and others; who seek safety, comfort, happiness; who laugh, cry, dance, and sing; who wonder, search, and seek knowledge; who are children of God. May we remember that we also are God's children, siblings to one another. We are loved and we are called to love – God, others, ourselves, and All God's creation.



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Communion Liturgy - Bread of Life

Reader: I bring Brian's bread to the table today. Indeed Brian's bread graces our table on a regular basis, a gift from the heart of our congregation to the community gathered for which we are deeply grateful.

All: Brian's bread comes from the rich treasures of the blessed and generous community that gathers in this space Sunday after Sunday. It represents the many gifts that the community brings to our worship and work on an ongoing basis. Let us give thanks for all that, by God's grace, makes us who we are.



Communion Liturgy - Cup of Love



Communion Liturgy - Unison Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray:

Christ who calls, rescues, and ennobles, fill us with your spirit of strength and compassion for all. Equip and inspire us to be your people in this time and place.

Now bless this, the bread of life.

Bless this, the cup of salvation.

Bless this, your welcome table.

Bless us, your people, O God.

**Let this sacred meal nourish us, body and soul,
So that we might live our lives in holy communion with you and in
blessed community with all creation.**

Amen.

Communion Liturgy - Taking Communion



We invite all those who are moved and able to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Break off a piece of the bread of your choice, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat. If you prefer to be served where you are, simply remain in your seat and the bread and cup will be brought to you.

Closing Hymn - Siyahamb' (We Are Marching)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

Siyahamba,

Hamba,

Siyahamba,

Oo

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching,

Marching,

We are marching

Oo

We are marching in the light of God.

Song of Blessing - Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

Señor omnipotente,

Siempre el labio mio loores te dará.

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

Te adoro reverente,

Dios en tres personas,

Bendita Trinidad.

Song of Blessing - Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

La inmensa muchedumbre

De ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,

Ante ti se postra,

bañada de tu lumbre,

Ante ti que has sido,

Que eres y serás.

Song of Blessing - Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

Por más que estés velado,

E imposible sea tu gloria contemplar;

Santo tú eres sólo,

Y nada hay a tu lado

En poder perfecto,

Pureza y caridad.

Song of Blessing - Santo, Santo, Santo

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

La gloria de tu nombre

Vemos entus obras en cielo, tierra y mar;

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

Te adorará todo hombre,

Dios en tres personas,

Bendita Trinidad.

Thank You
for Joining
Us!

