

Bread of Life from Heaven

Lyrics by Susan R. Briehl (b. 1952)
Argentine melody (refrain), with music by Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Please see #497 in the hymnal for complete lyrics of all verses.

About the Choir’s Hymns Today:

Reverend Susan R. Briehl hails from Spokane, Washington. She is an alumna of Washington State University (B.A. and M.A. in English), as well as Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California where she earned the Master of Divinity. Rev. Briehl was ordained in 1981 and served five years alongside her husband Martin Wells as co-pastors at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church of Bellingham, Washington. The two ministers then spent eight years as campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University. In 1994, Susan became the executive director of Holden Village, a Lutheran center for renewal in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington. (Think of it as a Pacific Northwest Lutheran version of Montreat or Massanetta.) Susan also works remotely (and throughout the country) for Valparaiso University of Valparaiso, Illinois. She has written numerous books, hymns, and worship songs. Today’s anthem is her most popular hymn text, published in English and Spanish in at least seven hymnals.

The melody of the refrain is a traditional Argentine melody usually sung as the *Santo*, “Holy, holy, holy.” The traditional setting can be found at #595 in our hymnal, with both English and Spanish texts. The music for the stanzas was composed by Marty Haugen, whose music we have enjoyed several times this summer. He wrote and harmonized the stanza melody specifically to accompany Susan Briehl’s text, while matching the style of the Argentine *Santo*. Marty and Susan published the music and text together via GIA Publications in 2001.

Today’s choral introit was composed by Billema Kwilia (b. 1925), a literacy teacher and composer from Liberia. She wrote the hymn “A va de laa mioo” during the 1960s in her native language, Loma. It was transcribed in 1969 by Margaret D. Miller (b. 1927), an American missionary who worked at the Lutheran Literacy Centre in Wozi, Liberia. Miller listened to a recording of a church service to aid in her transcription. The hymn was first published in 1970 in *Laudamus*, a hymnal produced for the international conference of the Lutheran World Federation. *Laudamus* included a German translation and Miller’s versification in English. A fourth English verse was written by Gilbert E. Doan (1930-2024), then the Northeastern Director of the National Lutheran Campus Ministry. He went on to pastor the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia (1984-95). Rev. Doan was educated at Harvard (BA, 1942), Lutheran Theological Seminary (BD, 1955), University of Pennsylvania (MA, 1962), and Wagner College (DD, c. 1970s). The original English version retained the 3/8 meter of the Loma hymn, but this was nearly unsingable by English speakers. Versions published between 1972-84 set the English lyrics in 2/4 meter. Kwillia composed this hymn in call and response form. While it is traditionally sung a cappella in Liberia, many Western congregations use keyboard accompaniment. See the lyrics at #528 in the hymnal.

Music during Communion - "The God of Abraham Praise" Inspired by Purcell's opera King Arthur | Myer Lyon, arr. Faye Lopez
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" French melody
and
"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hans Leo Hassler
Both arranged by Lloyd Larson

A Warm Welcome
We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday August 4	Ladies Dinner 5pm
Tuesday August 4	Property Committee 5:30pm
Wednesday August 5	Youth 6pm
Thursday August 6	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday June 13	Sat. Lunch Ministry

Our new membership directory is available in the church office. Inside is a survey from the Membership Committee that we ask you to please fill out and drop in the offering plate on Sunday. Please contact Vickie in the church office, 434-792-7822 ext. 1 to pick up your survey. If changes or corrections need to be made please email admin@fpcdanville.com

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter	Kim Wimer
Side door/Offering	Kim Wimer
Counters	Beale/Moore

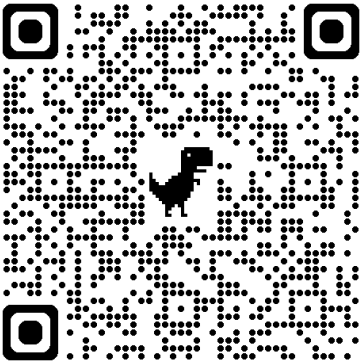
List of Session members

Class of 2026: Ava Barrett, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer
Class of 2027: Harriet Beale, Pat Pinckney, Joan Reynold, Kent Shelton
Class of 2028: Eddie Blount, Jr., Sam Meadema, Jackie Rockford, Alex Walthall
Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update		
	June 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$43,543.50	\$217,668.94
Expenditures	\$33,242.90	\$214,223.05
Difference	\$10,300.60	\$ 3,445.89

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

Scan the QR code for today’s scripture readings.



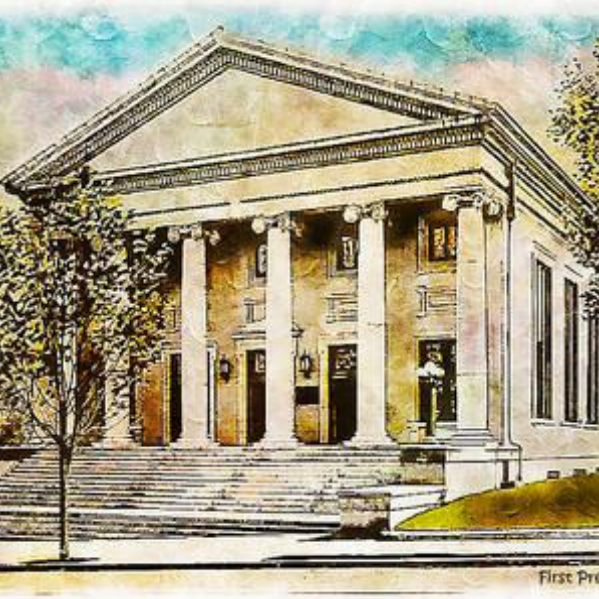
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Danville, Virginia

August 2, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

This church opens wide its doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Let Us Eat" Lyrics by Billema Kwilia (st. 1-3) and Gilbert E. Doan (st. 4) | Music by B. Kwilia; adapted by Leland B. Sateren

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18))

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The Lord is just in all God’s ways, and kind in all God’s doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

***HYMN#816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

INVOCATION

Lord, as we gather today, we invite Your Holy Spirit to be with us in this place. May Your presence fill our hearts and minds as we seek to worship You in spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see Your glory and our ears to hear Your voice. Let every part of this service be an offering to You. We ask for your guidance and wisdom throughout this time of worship. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus’ name, and for his sake...

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to God’s self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Believe the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us the children of God, having confessed our sins and been reconciled to God, having been assured of God’s graciousness and mercy, stand and offer that same peace and reconciliation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving each other and offering grace and peace.

Please remain standing for the “Gloria Patri.”

***RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri”
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

All that exists does so within the loving providence of God. If we have abundance, it is because God has given us abundance. Remembering God’s sustaining work in creation, the offering will now be received.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OFFERTORY "Adagio in D" by Michael Canales

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Bread of Life from Heaven" Lyrics by Susan R. Briehl | Argentine melody (refrain), with music by Marty Haugen (stanzas)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, amidst the flood of words that barrage us daily, speak your eternal Word that offers life, and bless us in its hearing, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES;

(26/25)	Genesis 32:22-31
(842/801)	Romans 9:1-5
(728/692)	Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON “When God Meets Us in the Struggle”
Jackson Weller

***HYMN#463** How Firm a Foundation

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

POSTLUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Lowell Mason, arr. Lloyd Larson

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**

*Hymn lyrics projected on the screen can be found in the “Glory to God” hymnal in the pew.

Sermon Notes: