



*Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.*

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

9:30 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

THE PRELUDE

Air

Gerre Hancock

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW (red hymnal) Page 94

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

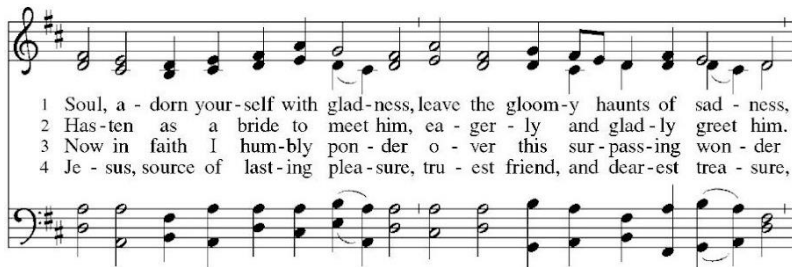
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

No. 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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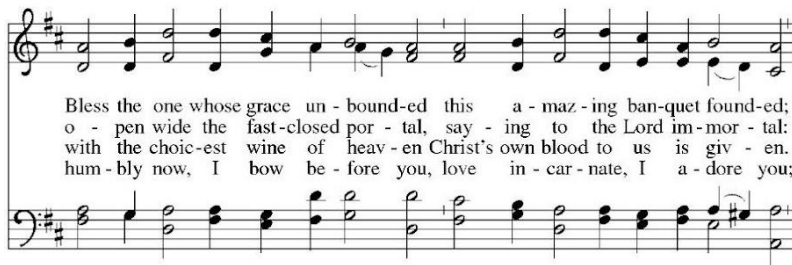
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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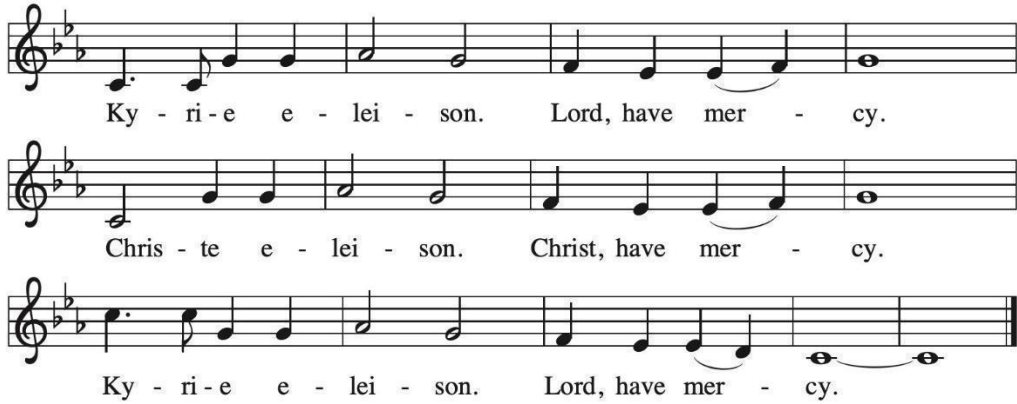
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GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.
“The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 34:9-14

*The antiphon is introduced by the choir, then is sung by all. The assembly sings the verses in **bold print**.*



Psalm 34:8

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⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it. RR**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

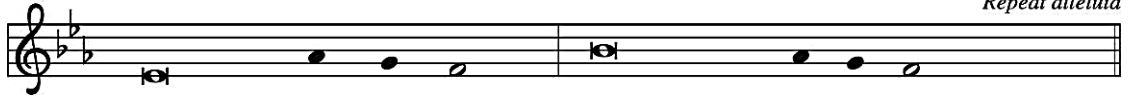
¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Sixth Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON
Clements

Vicar Ian

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 485 I Am the Bread of Life

I Am the Bread

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel or sit for the prayers: This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation (*local agriculture may be named*). Protect and conserve the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time, especially Julie Gable, the family and loved ones of Young Bai and all those on our prayer list. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us, especially Young Bai. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

THE SENDING BLESSING FOR VICAR IAN CLEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace
saying "Peace be with you."*

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

May the Words of My Mouth

Brad Nix

The Summer Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

Offering

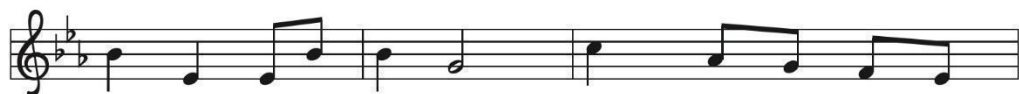
The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.


THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Concludes with...**Amen**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE 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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

"Be Known to Us"



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

First time, choir only. All sing two more times through after.

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass line starts with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, and ends with a half note G2.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff continues with a quarter note D4, then a series of eighth notes: E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass line continues with quarter notes E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, and ends with a half note D3.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter note D4, then a series of eighth notes: E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass line continues with quarter notes E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, and ends with a half note D3.

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter note D4, then a series of eighth notes: E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass line continues with quarter notes E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, and ends with a half note D3.

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Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932-2013

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THE COMMUNION BLESSING Concludes with... **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Concludes with **Amen.**

SENDING

THE BLESSING

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THE SENDING HYMN

No. 845 Voices Raised to You

Song of Praise

Voices Raised to You

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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Please be seated for the announcements.

PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann