

I am the
living bread
... if any man
eat of this bread,
he shall
live forever.
John 6:51

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024
9:00am
Holy Communion**

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(P: pastor A: assistant C: congregation)

All who are able, stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious and merciful God,

C: We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.

We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.

We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,

and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.

We have neither worked to release the oppressed

nor admitted our own captivities.

Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free

that we might live with your whole creation

in the justice and joy of your promised future. Amen

P: God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the good news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

P: For freedom Christ has set you free.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

712 Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



rig - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,
 peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1

I Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

To Refrain
 praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

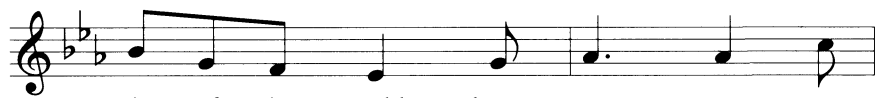
C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,
 peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 2

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us. **I+II** You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 3



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



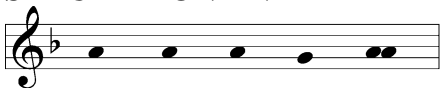
Lord, **II** you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, I+II in the
To Refrain
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Refrain

C Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,
peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

All sit

Proverbs 9:1-10

The Way of Wisdom

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
- ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:12-22; antiphon: v. 11

(the pastor and congregation recite the psalm responsively)

P ¹²What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

C ¹³**Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.**

P ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

C ¹⁵**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.**

P ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C ¹⁷**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

C ¹⁹**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

P ²⁰He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

C ²¹**Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

P ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.
All who are able, stand

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
 ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

John 6:51-69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he 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, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

All sit

After the Children's Message, PRAYER/INFORMATION CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

SERMON

All who are able, stand

696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

C: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

All sit

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer

As we bring our offerings before the Lord and/or come to the Lord's Table, we have been called to be reconciled to one another. Therefore, as a sign of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we look to one another and proclaim the following words (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

All who are able, stand

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All sit

OFFERING

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship

OFFERTORY

The window side, group 1 begins singing.

The wall side, group 2, waits to begin singing until the number 2.

NOTE: There is no break between the verses, just continue singing the next verse.



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

EUCHARIST

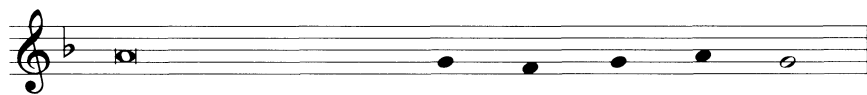
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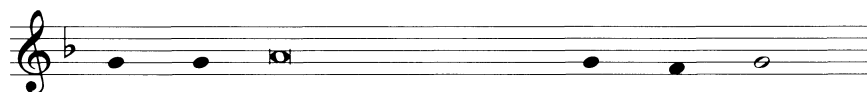
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord, who on this day broke the bonds of death, opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

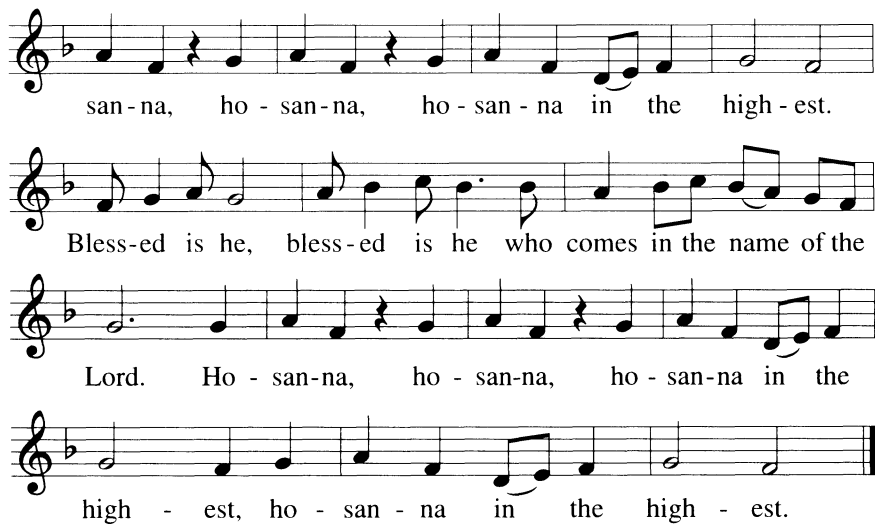
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and



might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



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

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

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

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
 and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

All sit

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ and distribute them to those who come to receive. Please read and follow instructions regarding Holy Communion, in the front of this bulletin prior to coming forward.

After all have returned to their places, the minister continues.

All who are able, stand

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of all creation, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this perfectly praise you and more faithfully love one another through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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