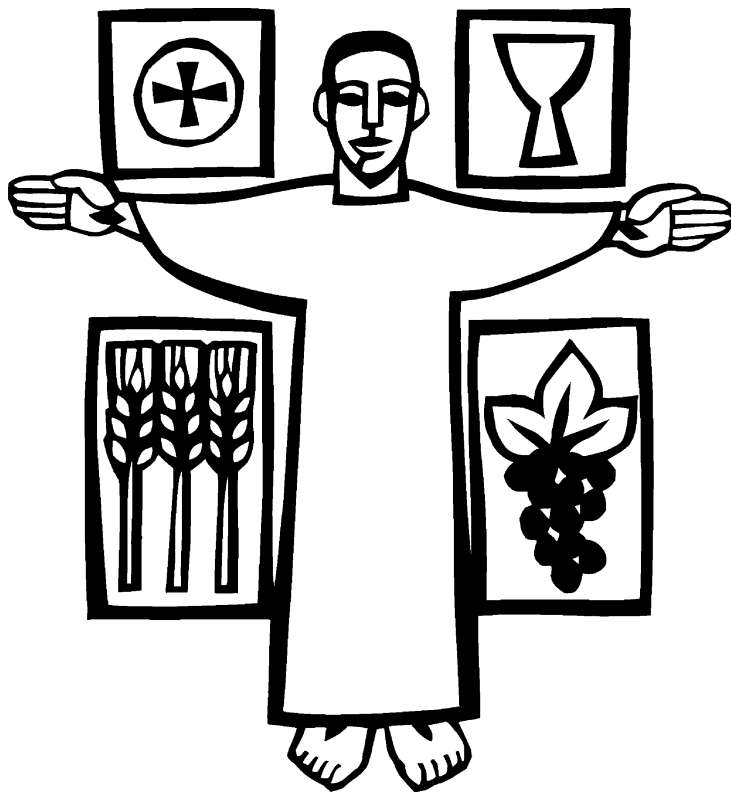


13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)
10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses.

Introduction

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can’t help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

***Gathering Song:** “*You Are Holy*” ELW 525

***Greeting**

P: 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.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

****Kyrie***

P: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people,
let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to
our God:

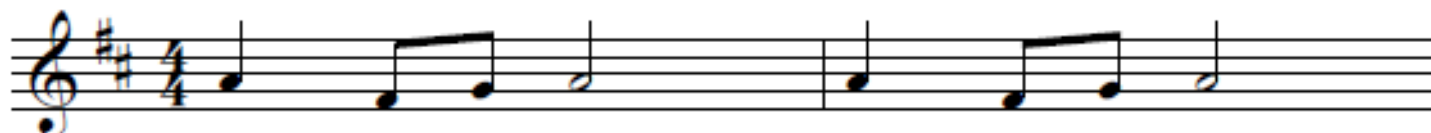
God of love, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!



(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,



Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the



Fine

high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose
 2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
 4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to



D.C.

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

****Prayer of the Day***

L: Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

L: Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

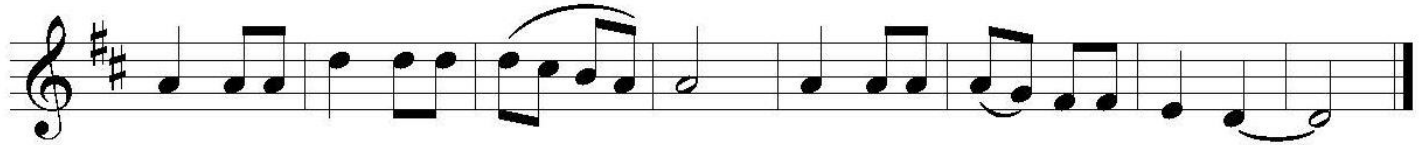
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***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia



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***Gospel: John 6:51-58**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "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."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So 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. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This 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.

Children's Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: "I Received the Living God" ELW 477

****The Apostles' Creed***

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.

****Prayers of Intercession***

L: 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. Merciful God,
receive 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. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,
receive 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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our heart now...Merciful God,
receive 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. Merciful God,
receive 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. Merciful God,
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share signs of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Offering

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or given electronically at www.lord-of-love.org. Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar during this song.

Communion servers, please come forward during the offertory song.



1. What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2. What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3. What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins _____ from the cof - fer Hearts _____ filled with care.
Love, _____ ripe with laugh - ter, Hope that we can sing.
Eyes that are wide o - pen, Lies that we won't live.



God _____ will not fal - ter If _____ we will dare
Dreams of what we're af - ter, Pro - mis - es of when
Truth that must be spo - ken, Just - tice some - how



Lay it at the al - tar there. _____
Lay it at the al - tar then. _____
Lay it at the al - tar



now. _____ What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives _____ we will live. _____

*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Jesus, bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us
to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

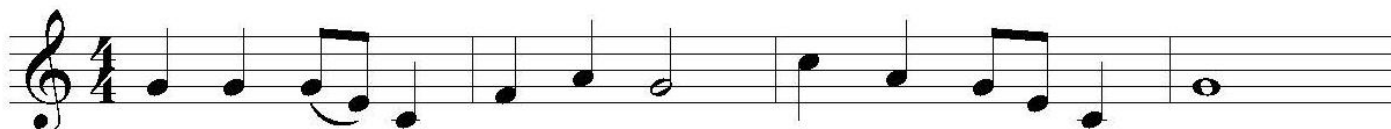
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy**



1, 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and love,

Fine



Heav'n and earth are full of you. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

*The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

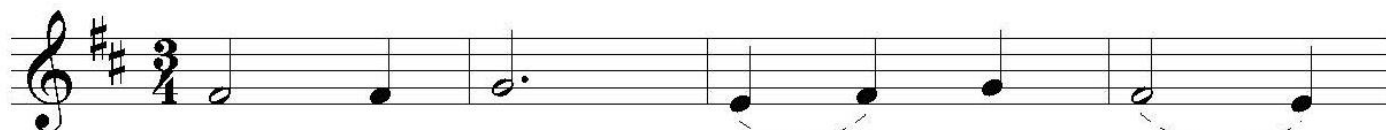
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

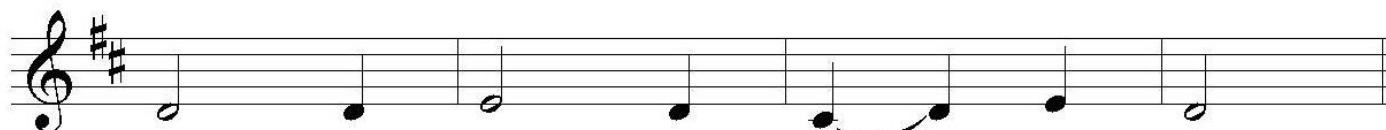
Communion Invitation

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

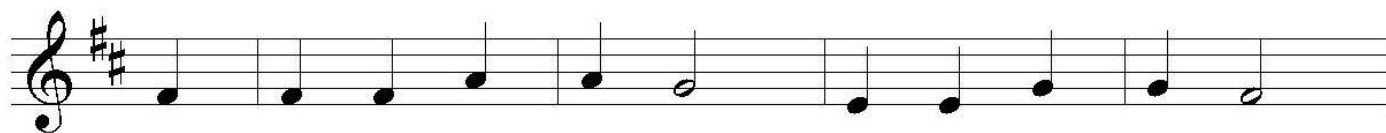
Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, who takes a way the
2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to
3. Lamb of God, ris - en Lord,
4. Lamb of God, ho - ly Son,
5. Lamb of God, who takes a way the

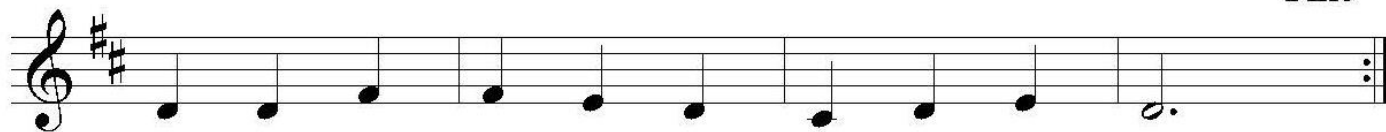


sin of all the world to - day,
see a brok - en world made whole,
heal us with your liv - ing word,
bring us peace when day is done,
sin of all the world to - day,



Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us,

Fine



mer - cy up - on us and give us your peace.

Communion

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

***Benediction**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Song:** “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” ELW 469

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude “We Come To The Hungry Feast”

arr. by Mark Sedio

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