

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 25, 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***

In today’s gospel many people take offense at Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus’ disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John’s gospel for Peter’s confession of faith. “To whom can we go?” asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. “You have the words of eternal life.” In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**\*Gathering Song:** "Abide with Me" ..... ELW 629

**\*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:

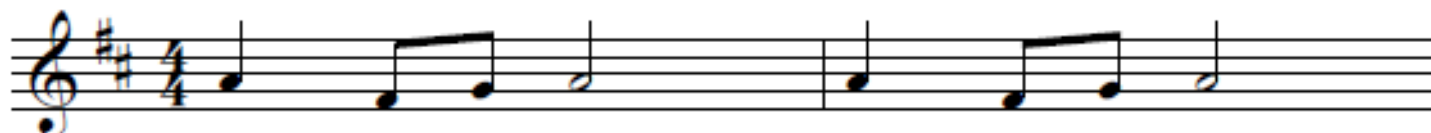
**God of love, have mercy.**

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.

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

***Special Music "Amazing Grace"***

Sung and played by Pat Soares

***Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22***

L: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

***Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20***

L: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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

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**\*Gospel: John 6:56-69**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] “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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon** ..... Rev. Becky Sells

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**Hymn of the Day: "Blessed Assurance"** ..... ELW 638

**\*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.*

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in speech and bold witness proclaim your faithfulness as the giver of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Help us to value and respect the gift of all life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts. 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.**

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. 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](http://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.



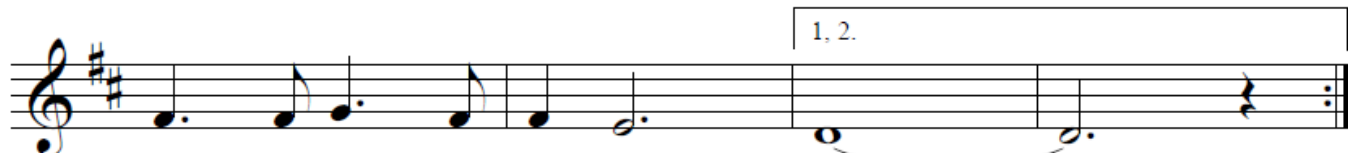
1. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3. What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



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,

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

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.

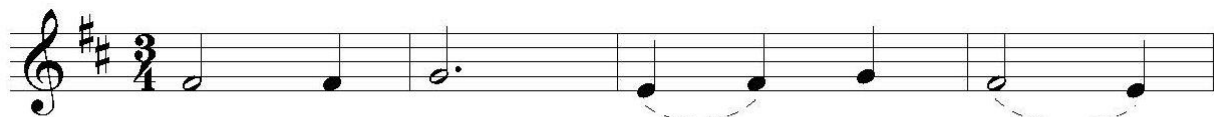
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

*Please be seated.*

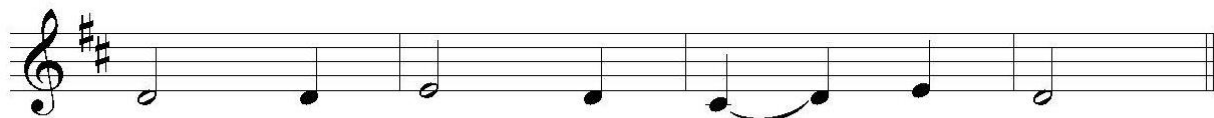
**Communion Invitation**

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

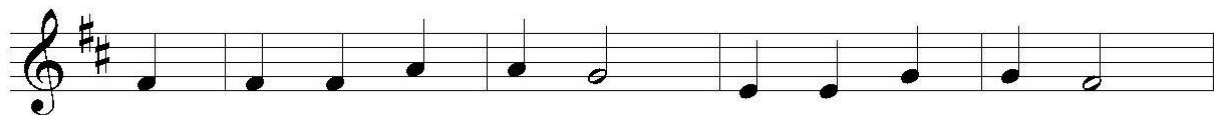
**Lamb of God**



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

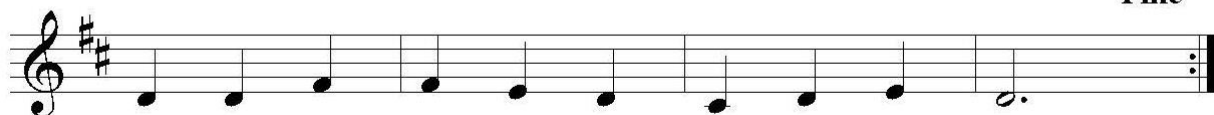


sin of all the world to - day,  
 see a brok - en world made whole,  
 heal us with your liv - ing word,  
 bring us peace when day is done,  
 sin of all the world to - day,



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

**Fine**



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

## ***Communion Music***

### ***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: "One Bread, One Body"*** ..... ELW 496

#### ***\*Dismissal***

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

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Ringing of the Bell***

### ***Postlude***

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