

Trinity Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 18th, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church 304 E. Ferris St.

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"the welcome place"

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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.

+++GATHERING+++

Prelude Suite on Aurelia: Intermezzo, Adagio Robert Hobby

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign the Friendship Registry

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.**

Gathering Hymn ELW #515

Break Now, the Bread of Life

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.**

Hymn of Praise

WOV, Setting 5





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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**.

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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34: 9 - 14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

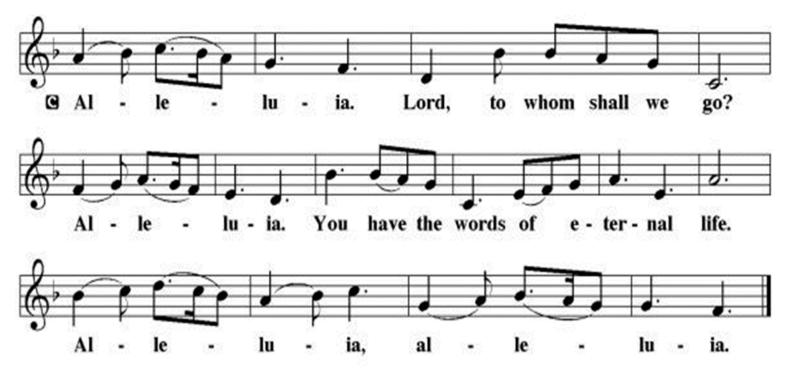
⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15 - 20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making 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,¹⁹ as 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.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God. (Stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 6:51 - 58

The holy gospel according to John. 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;⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood ²⁸abide 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.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the DayELW#468

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Apostle's Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith.

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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

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, especially Keith, Dewey, Teirney, and Marilyn, and to those who have passed, especially Bette Lou Nelson. 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,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

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

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+++MEAL+++

Offering Music This Touch of Love Carl Schalk Sarah Brakebury, Sandra Gray, Heather Hellenga, Hillary Hoffman, Julie Wiegand

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

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.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

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;

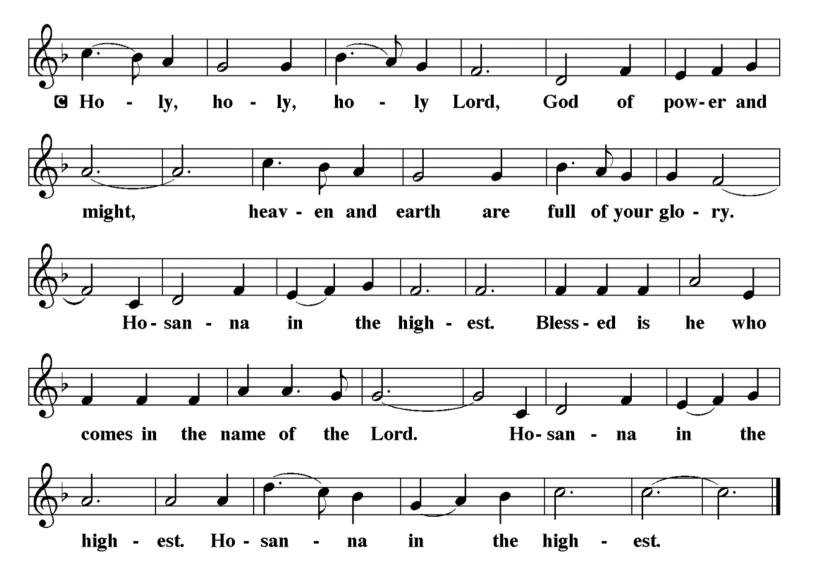
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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:



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

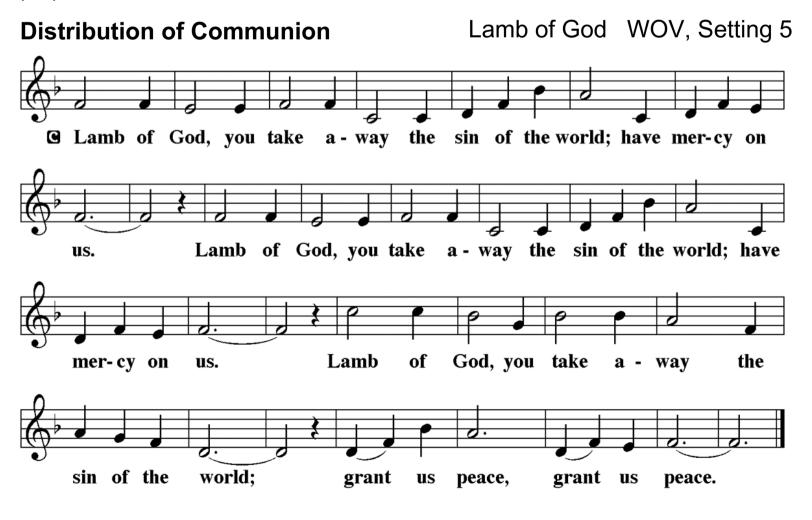
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

Invitation to Communion

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

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.

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Post Communion Hymn ELW #494

Domenico Scarlatti

For Bread Which You Have Broken

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

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.**

+++SENDING+++

Pastoral

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ⊕ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW #542

O Living Bread From Heaven

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude O Living Bread of Heaven Michael Burkhardt

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As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

Worship Participants

Audio: Matt Warner Video: Bill Sime Ushers: Norm & Linda Tippey, Brian Robinson Communion Setup: Jenn Robinson Assisting Minister: Isaac Triplett Reader: Janet Page Wine Servers: Carol Brown & Lisa Shafer Coffee Fellowship: Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg Acolyte: Cecilia Crawford Closing Duties: Bill Sime Bread Provider: Mary Lou Lindberg

Prayer List:

If you or your loved ones need prayers, please fill out a salmon-colored form (found on the bulletin table in the Narthex), and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate

Name	<u>Prayer</u>
The Family of Bette Lou Nelson	Prayers for peace
Keith	Prayers for healing & recovery
Dewey	Prayers for healing
Tierney Ritchie	Prayers for healing & recovery
Marilyn A'Hearn	Prayers for recovery

This Week at Trinity

Sun, August 18	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
Tue, August 20	7:00 pm	Committee Meetings
Sat, August 24	5:00 pm	Worship led by Grace

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday Cell phone: 618-803-8778 Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191 Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles 1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. 2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament. 3. We invite and welcome everyone. 4. We engage all generations in education and ministry. 5. We serve local and global communities.