

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
at Swan's Trail

Sunday, August 18, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost



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*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN "LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET"

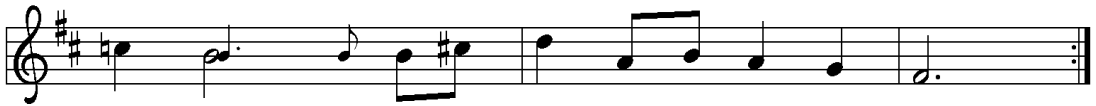
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Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“LORD, BE GLORIFIED”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef, and the vocal parts are written in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. (*Brief silence is kept*) 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.

C Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

A reading from Proverbs:

- 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 God, the Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14 (Read responsively)

- 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.**
- ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
- ¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
- ¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians:

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 God, the Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“SEEK YE FIRST”

Worship & Praise Songbook #122 (found in hymn racks)

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:51-58

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In John’s gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true “bread of life.” Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church’s celebration of holy communion.

[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.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **C Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

REVEREND JOSEPH PAXTON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“GIVE THANKS”

The first musical staff of the hymn, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

The second musical staff, continuing the melody from the first staff.

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

The third musical staff, identical to the first staff.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

The fourth musical staff, identical to the second staff.

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

The fifth musical staff, featuring a different melody with more rests and longer note values.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am

The sixth musical staff, continuing the melody from the fifth staff.

rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

The seventh musical staff, identical to the fifth staff.

now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am

Last time

The eighth musical staff, identical to the sixth staff, ending with a double bar line.

rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

APOSTLES CREED

P God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

ALL 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

(Between the first and last prayer, congregation please share in reading the prayers)

P 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,

C 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,

C 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,

C 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 those we name before you today (*a brief silence*). Merciful God,

C 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,

C receive our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for all those places in the world where there is war and violence. Protect all who are in harm's way and comfort those who mourn. Give wisdom to those in authority, that they put an end to conflict, and work towards peace. Merciful God,

C 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,

C receive our prayer.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering plates are available to accept your gifts at the front windows of the sanctuary.

*OFFERTORY

“GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION”



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Congregation is Seated

P Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm those who are endeavoring to carry out their vocation as Christians in the world.

A Through Holy Baptism our Heavenly Father set us free from sin and made us members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. Through Word and Sacrament we have been nurtured in faith, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

P Having determined to live out your baptismal covenant as a Volunteer for Young Adults in Global Mission, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus?

R Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Congregation Stands

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon Thomas in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation as witness to the world and service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. (*Brief silence is kept*) 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.

C **Amen.**

CELEBRATING THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless-ed are you com-ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

P 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.

For as often as we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

C **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive, that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. Amen! Come, Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

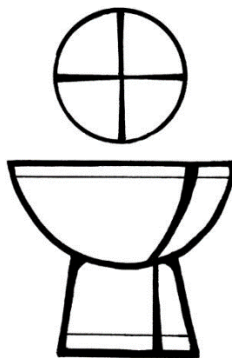
P The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION HYMN

“COME, LET US EAT”

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

*GOD'S BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. (*Brief silence is kept*) 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P And now may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US" (Sing Twice)



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu_a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fi - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**