

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour We Greet Our Members and Visitors Warmly In Jesus' Name.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

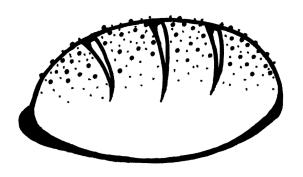
10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 18, 2024



Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation! 2415 Chili Avenue. Rochester, NY, 14624 | 585-247-7824 | www.oursaviourrochester.org

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

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.



Confession and Forgiveness

- Pastor:Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin, and heals our lives.
- All: Amen.

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

- Pastor: Have mercy, O God,
- All: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.
- Pastor:As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as
heaven is above the earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from
west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through
Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- All: Blessed be God forever.

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Entrance Hymn: "O Living Bread From Heaven"



Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie



Gloria



Gloria Continued



Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

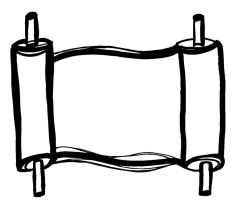
The First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Lector: 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 the book of Proverbs.

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."

- *Lector:* The word of the Lord
- All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 34:9-14		
Lector:	Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.	
All:	The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.	
Lector:	Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.	
All:	Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?	
Lector:	Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.	
All:	Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. R	

The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

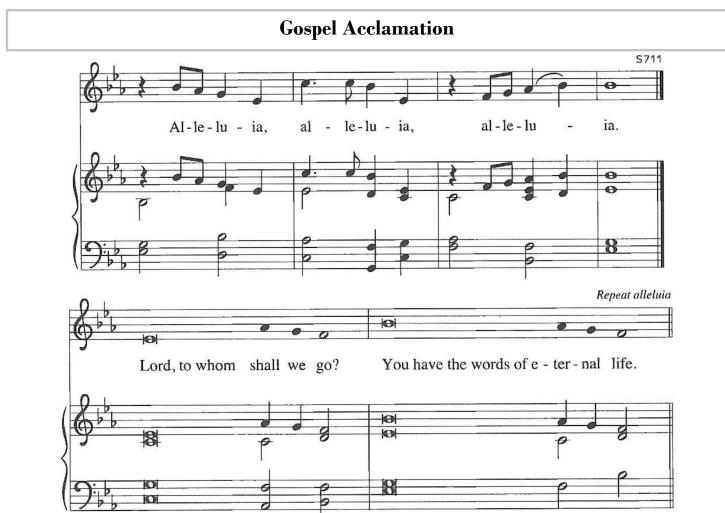
Lector: True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Lector:The Word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

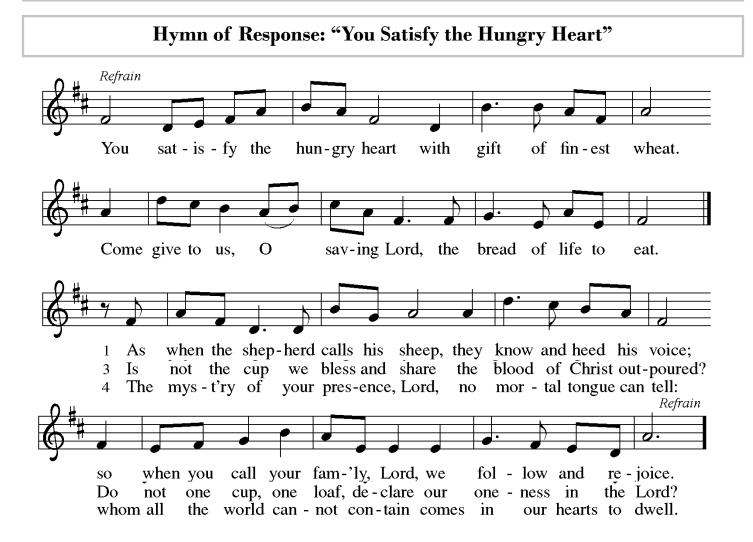
All: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Hymn of the Day: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck



(Please stand if you are able)

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: 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.

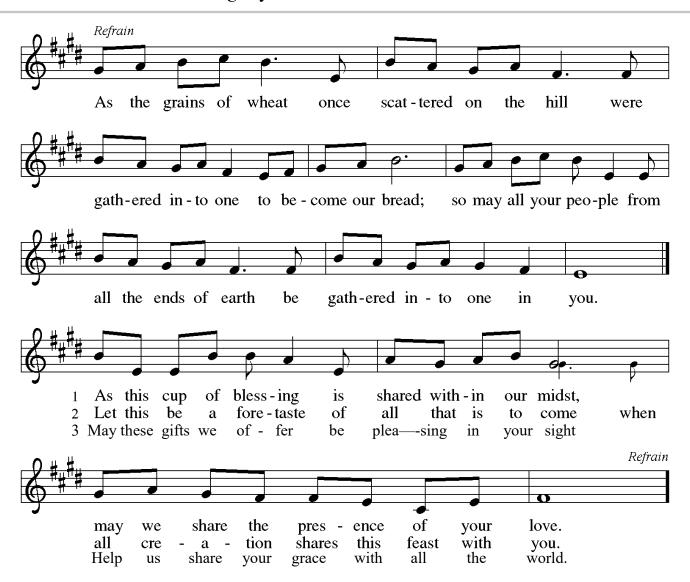
Prayer of Intercession

Pastor:	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. <i>(a brief silence)</i>
	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,
All:	receive our prayer.
Pastor: All:	Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
Pastor:	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,
All:	receive our prayer.
Pastor:	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. Merciful God,
All:	receive our prayer.
Pastor:	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,
All:	receive our prayer.
Pastor:	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,
All:	receive our prayer.
Pastor:	We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
All:	Amen.

	Peace
Pastor:	The peace of Christ be with you always.
All:	And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- *Pastor:* The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them to the Lord.
- *Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- Pastor: 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 in their unending hymn:



Pastor: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

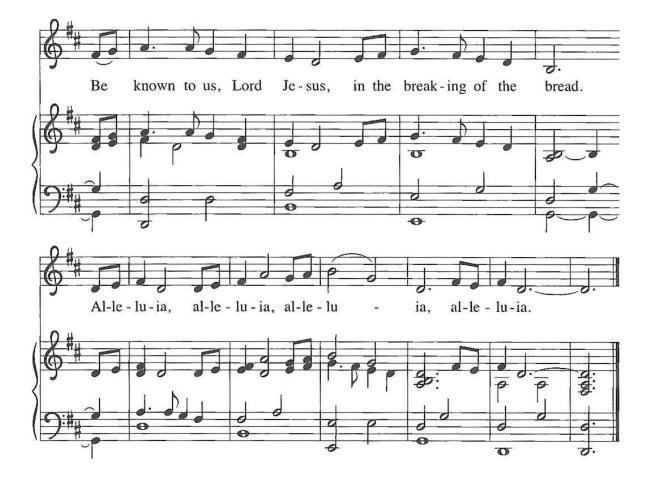
Pastor: Amen, and amen.

All: Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

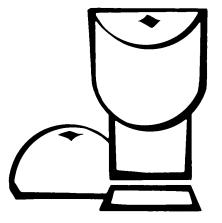
- *Pastor:* Let us pray as our Savior taught.
- *All:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion



Communion Invitation

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



(if you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew, please speak to a service leader.)

Communion Hymn: "Now In This Banquet"

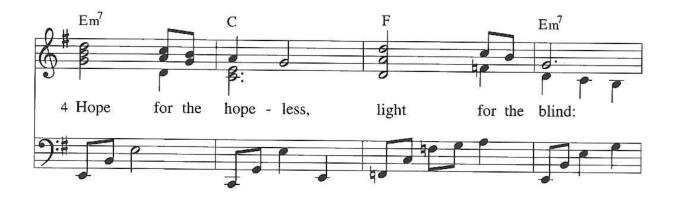


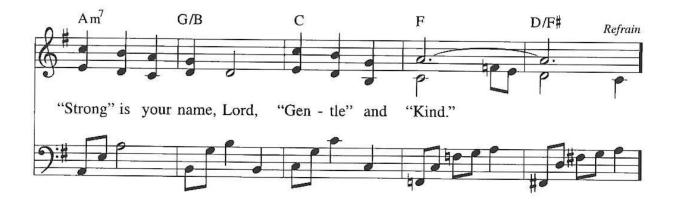
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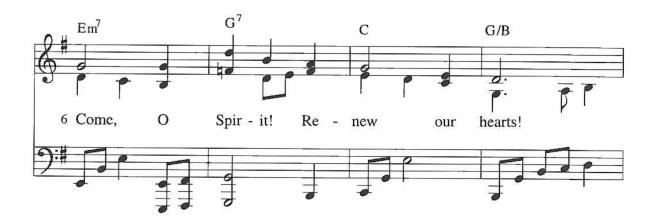
















Pastor: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor:The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and
your minds in † Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving"



Coldwater House Speaker: Chris Scribani

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, carrying the love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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