Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Aug. 22, 2021 | 8 & 10:30 am

PRELUDE Fidelis | Percy Whitlock

Gathering

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#514 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Word of God Incarnate

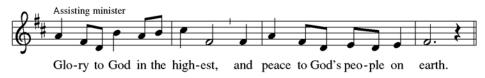
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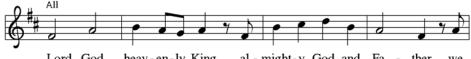
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

GLORIA





Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa ther,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

Word

Please sit.

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

The choir sings the antiphon, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous," before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



The eyes of the Lord are up- | on 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 \mid the Lord hears them and delivers them from \mid all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted and saves those whose spir- | its 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

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acclamation sung by all:





Choir: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#758 HYMN OF THE DAY You Are the Way

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor: **Peace be with you.**

Meal

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING My Eyes for Beauty Pine | Herbert Howells

Please stand.

#184 OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

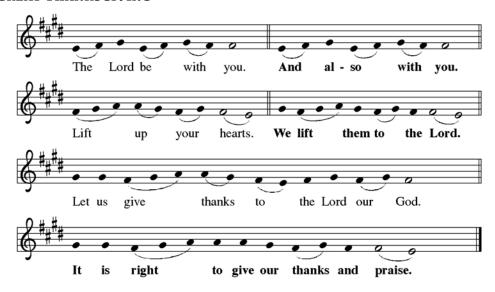


OFFERTORY PRAYER

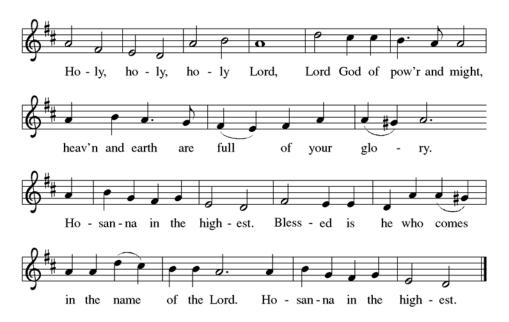
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



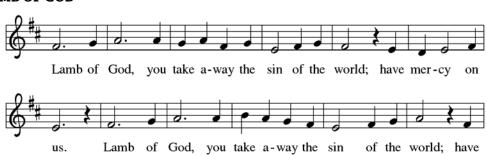
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

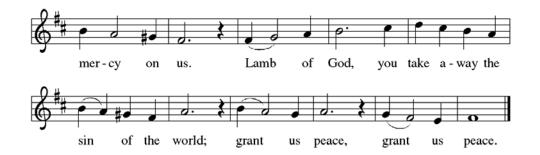


LORD'S PRAYER Sung by all



LAMB OF GOD





Please sit.

THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands and the Blood of Christ (wine) by intinction. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup; persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Gabriel's Oboe | Ennio Morricone

#494 COMMUNION HYMN For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#662 RECESSIONAL HYMN Christ Is the King!

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare | Percy Whitlock

Serving today

Presiding Pastor Brad Pohlman
Preaching Seminarian Leah Holloway

Organist Andrew Schaeffer Assisting Minister Mary Jean Huston Communion Assistant Janelle Allen Lector Paul Brammeier Crucifer Rolf Wulfsberg Sacristan Mary Powell Eric Oelkers Head Usher Video Director Lee Powell Sound Operator Dave Heins

We welcome Seminarian Leah Holloway, our guest preacher this morning. LM is supporting Leah in her seminary studies at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. She hopes to graduate in May and then be available for call as a pastor in the ELCA. Pr. Worzala Dumke is away on vacation this week and will return next Sunday.

Our thanks to Margret Bradley, oboe for playing this morning.

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