

**August 18, 2024**

*The Thirteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost*



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# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. (The purple cup is grape juice.) It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

## PRELUDE

"Minuet"  
"In Thee Is Gladness"

arr. L. Smith  
setting: J. Vicker

## WELCOME

*Stand*

## HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness"

**LSB 818**

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the

wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints;

**C** those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

*Silence for self-examination*

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

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**C** And also with you.

$\text{†}$  SERVICE OF THE WORD  $\text{†}$

**KYRIE**

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN**

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

*LSB 806*



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



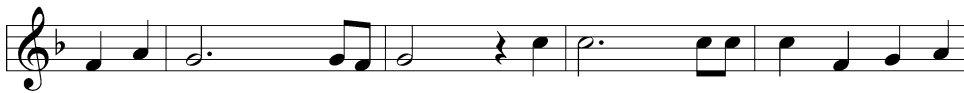
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_



Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of  
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY EXPLAINED

Historically, the Collect of the Day is the second clue as to what the day's theme will be. Each Sunday, there is a historical prayer for the day assigned. The prayer of the day changes week by week and reflects the theme of the church lectionary.

Collects have a very particular structure, almost poetic. The pastor begins with the customary greeting, "The Lord be with you," and the congregation responds, "And also with you." The prayer begins with an address to the Father, followed by one or more divine attributes that relate to the remainder of the prayer. Then, there is a singular petition, followed by the desired result of that petition. Finally, the prayer invokes the name of Christ, who is, as a mediator, the means by which the believers are able to approach God, the Father, in prayer.

The collect of the day serves as a transition point from a time of repentance, praise and celebration to a time of scripture readings, contemplation, and, ultimately, the sermon.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18*

The Word is Read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM, *read in unison*

*Psalms 34:12–22; antiphon: v. 11*

**C** **What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?  
Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.**

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.  
Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

The Word is Read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## VERSE

*John 6:68*

- P** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
- C** **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 6:51-69*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is Read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**LSB 655**

1 Lord, keep us steady in Your Word; Curb those who know You are Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known, For You are O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that unite on earth; Support us in our final Son And bring to naught all He has done. we May sing Your praise eternally. strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## SERMON

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**



**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things.

Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have

patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

arr. J. Harris

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

“Lord of All Good”

**LSB 786** sts. 1, 3

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.  
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be  
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.  
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

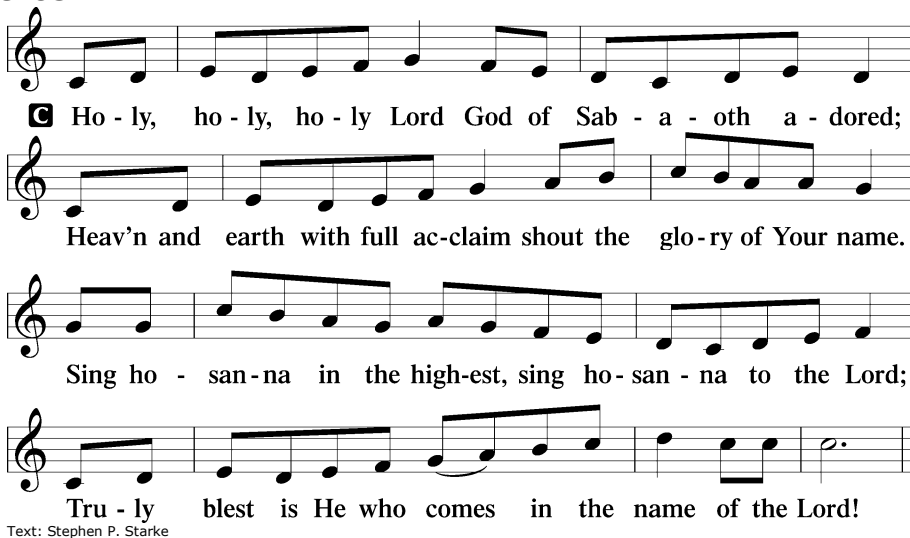
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

**LSB 813**



1 Re - joyce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joyce, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

*Refrain*



Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 Still lift your standard high, The pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Still march in firm array, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain  
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain      △ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 6 At last the march shall end; The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 The wearied ones shall rest; One God forevermore. Refrain

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**VOLUNTARY**

"Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng"

Arr. F. Ritter

Stand

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

### "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**LSB 411**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*  
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

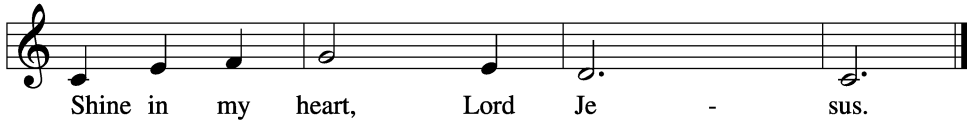


The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.





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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Christ Our Fortress, Christ Our Cornerstone"

C. Beckett

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