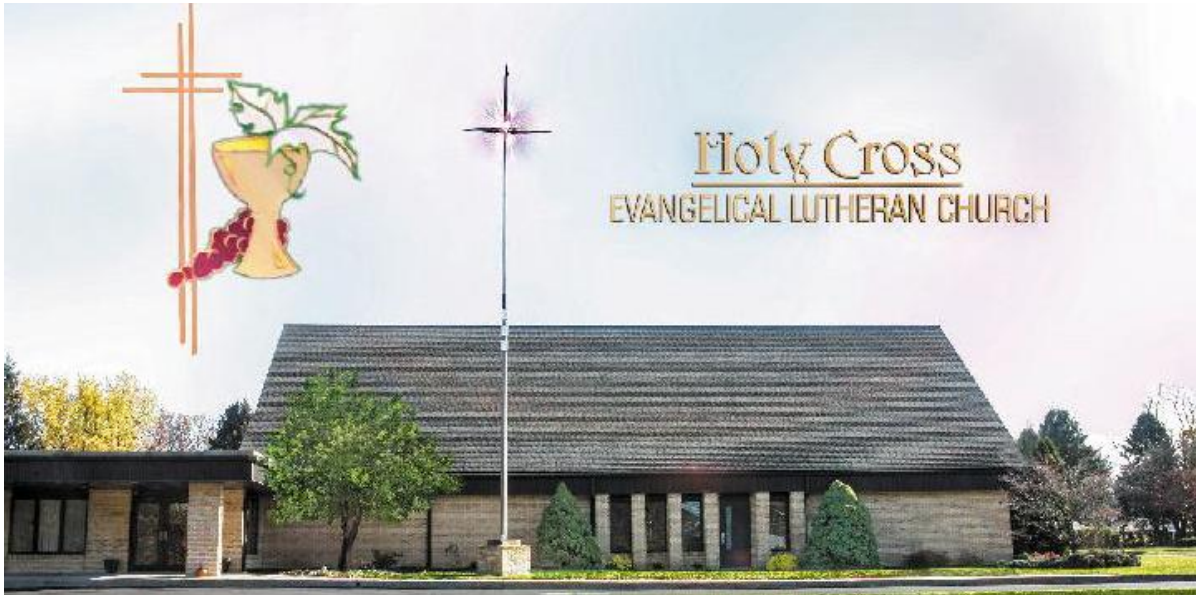


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION AUGUST 18, 2024 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

CHILDREN *We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

INTRODUCTION *In today's Gospel many take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat His flesh and drink His blood; many disciples "peel off". This is the backdrop in John's Gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the Gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." John's Gospel has 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.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Spirit of the Living God” (Maj # 294 - Daniel Iverson)

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me,
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me.

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God, our maker and redeemer, **C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to Your infinite mercy. You have given Your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son Who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" (ELW p140)

Refrain



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

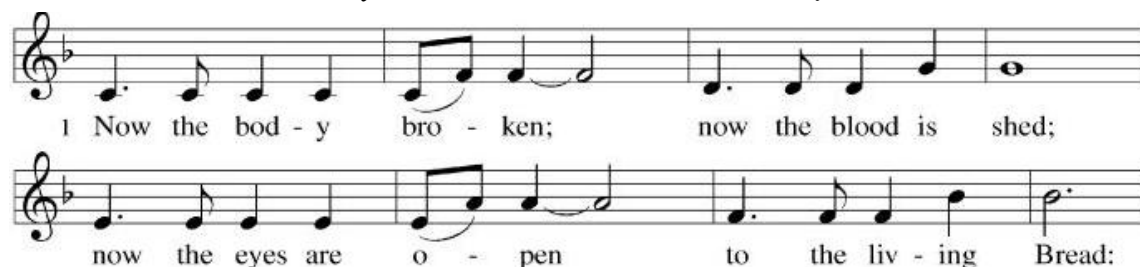
L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: Ever-loving God, Your Son gives Himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of His presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life to serve You continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 34:8-14 *(congregation reads indented)*

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.
 Fear the LORD, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing.
 The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
 Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
 Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
 keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking lies.
 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“Now the Body Broken” (DATH # 31 - Ray Makeever)



Bread of life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace.

2 Now with wills u - nit - ed, now with o - pen hands,

now with hearts de - light - ed hear our God's com - mand:

"Share the life, share the hope; share the life, share the

hope; share the life, share the hope, share the peace."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGProverbs 9:1-6Pew Bible p. 996

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Ephesians 5:15-21.....p. 1823

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.) (WOV p31)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 6:51-69.....p. 1658

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children may go to Children's Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*
"Feeding on the Bread of Life - Part III"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

"I Am the Bread of Life" (ELW # 485 - Suzanne Toolan)

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less you eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
Son of God, who has

me un - less the Fa - ther draws him."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world.

Refrain
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heav-
en and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 22)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in 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.

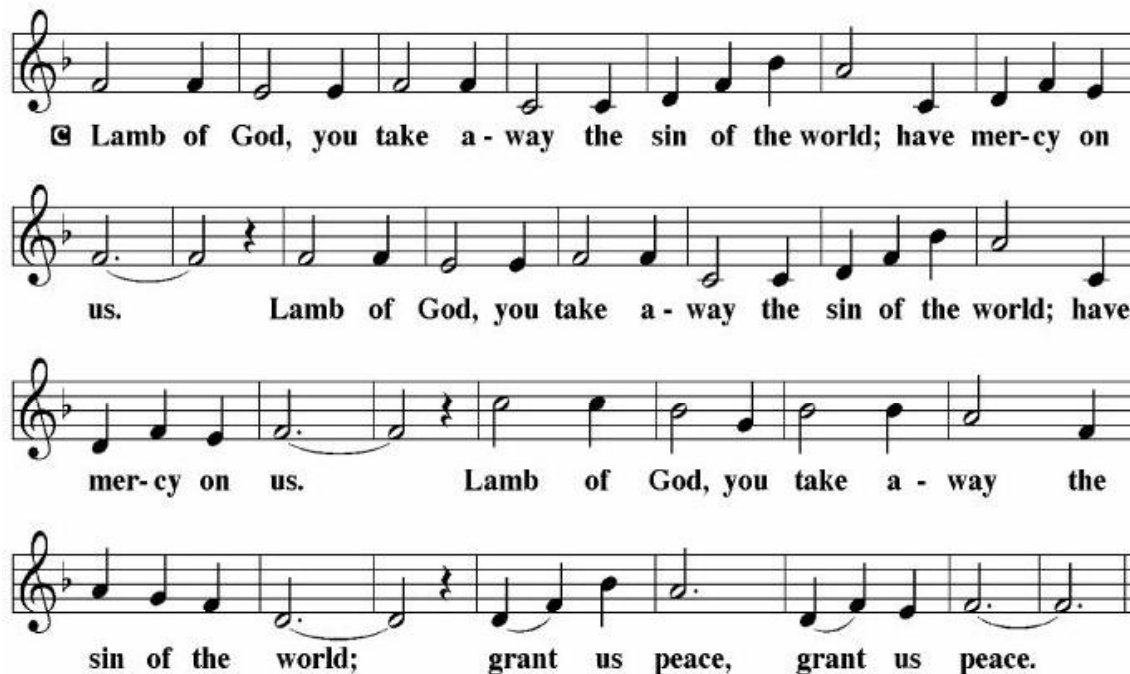
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in Me as I abide in you." *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. Gluten-free rice wafers (blue-green) are available. Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD (WOV p39)

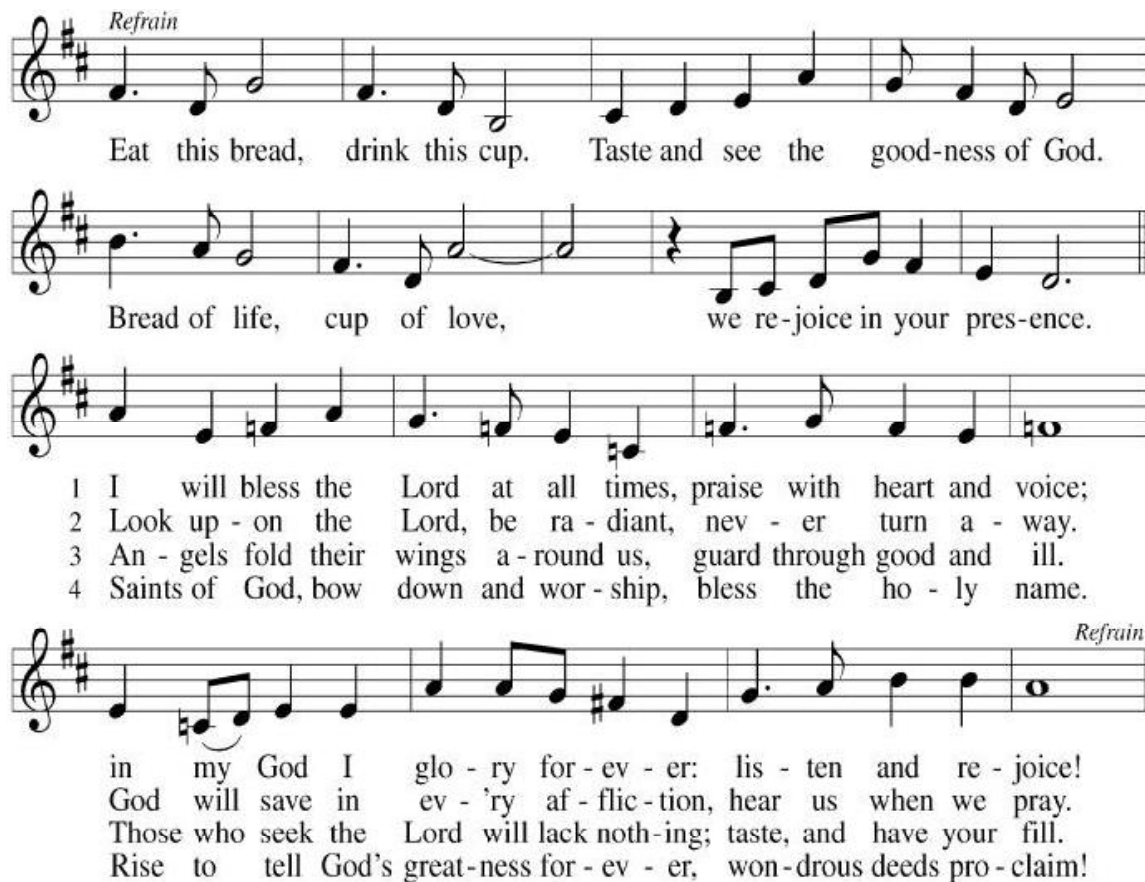


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS (sung while others are receiving.)

1. "Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup"

(WOV # 706 - favorite - Jeremy Young)



Refrain
 Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.
 Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dian, nev - er turn a - way.
 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain
 in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
 Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

2. "In the Quiet Consecration" (LBW # 223)

1 In the qui - et con - se - cra - tion of this
2 Christ, our liv - ing bread from heav - en, Lord, whose
3 By your death for sin a - ton - ing, by your
4 While a - far in sol - emn ra - diance shines the

glad com - mu - nion hour, here we rest in you, Lord
blood is drink in - deed: here by faith and with thanks -
res - ur - rec - tion life, hold us fast in bless - ed
feast that is to come af - ter con - flict, toil, and

Je - sus, taste your love, and touch your pow'r.
giv - ing in this feast on you we feed.
u - nion; gird us, nerve us for the strife;
test - ing— your great feast of love and home.

Text: Constance Coote, 1844–1936, alt. Music: KINGDOM. V. Earle Copes, b. 1921

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C: Gracious God, in this meal
You have rained down the true bread from heaven, the
body and blood of Your beloved Son. So by His prom-
ise bring us to abide in Him, and He in us; through Je-
sus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you
may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Fa-
ther, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

(Ephesians 3:19)

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

(Maj # 333 - Text: Martin Rinkhart, tr. C. Winkworth; Tune: Johann Crüger)

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Joshua Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Emma Fliszar

LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham / Sharon Branigan

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS CUTTERS (8/12-17): Gary Mosser, Jim Steiner - *Thanks!*

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

SEXTON: *Volunteer needed*

PHONETREE: Jim Femister

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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