

# **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Spiritual Food for Those Focused on the Earthly** 



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# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



Today's 9:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

### Lord of Love Lutheran Church

#### **August 11, 2024**

#### SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**OPENING HYMN** (CW 240)

#### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, abr., alt. Tune: St. Denio (11 11 11 11) Welsh folk tune, alt.

STAND

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

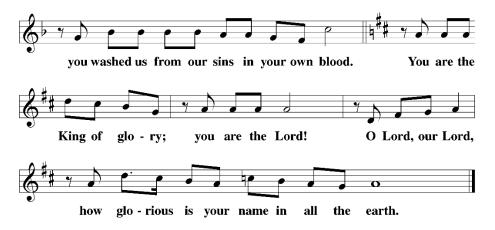


**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE WORD

#### **FIRST LESSON**

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness... <sup>11</sup> All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.





Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\* his greatness no one can <u>fath</u>om.

One generation will commend your works to an<u>oth</u>er;\* they will tell of your <u>mighty</u> acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall\* and lifts up all who are bowed down.

#### Refrain

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the <u>proper time</u>.\* You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every <u>living</u> thing.

The LORD is near to all who <u>call</u> on him,\* to all who call on <u>him</u> in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who <u>fear</u> him;\* he hears their cry and <u>saves</u> them.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

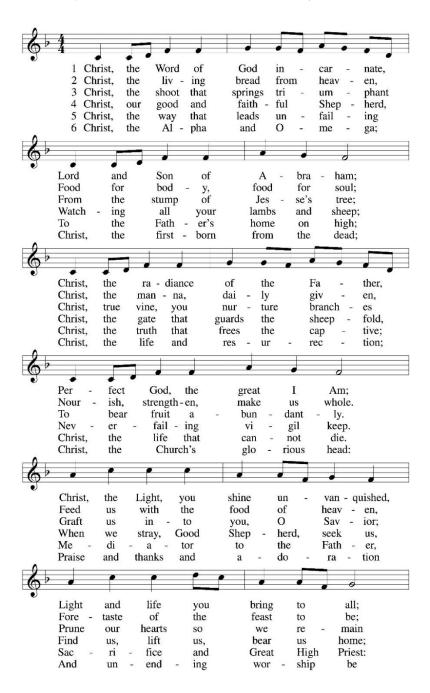
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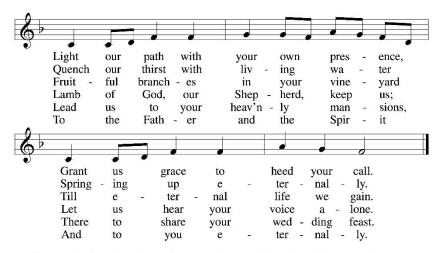
#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**M:** Alleluia. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:25-34

- <sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
- <sup>28</sup> So they said to him, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent." <sup>30</sup> Then they asked him, "So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 34 "Sir," they said to him, "give us this bread all the time!"
- <sup>35</sup> "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.





This inventive hymn is replete with scriptural titles and illustrations that describe the person and work of Christ from beginning to end.

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Tune: HOLY MANNA (87 87 D) Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1825

SERMON Exodus 16:15-31

<sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents."

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. <sup>18</sup> When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. <sup>19</sup> Moses said to them, "No one is to leave any of it until morning." <sup>20</sup> However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup> They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away. <sup>22</sup> On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person, and all the leaders of the community came and reported to Moses. <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: Tomorrow is a complete

rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, but set aside for yourselves all the rest of it to be kept until morning." <sup>24</sup> So they set it aside until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Moses said, "Today eat whatever is left over, for today is a sabbath to the LORD. Today you will not find any around the camp. <sup>26</sup> Six days you will gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any." <sup>27</sup> On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, but they did not find any. <sup>28</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "How long will you people refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? <sup>29</sup> Look, the LORD has given you the Sabbath. Therefore on the sixth day he will give you two days' worth of bread. All of you are to stay where you are. None of you are to leave your places on the seventh day." <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day. <sup>31</sup> The house of Israel called it manna. It looked like white coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

#### The Original Daily Bread

STAND

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING**

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the Bread of life, giving eternal life to all who come to him. By your Holy Spirit, feed and fill us with the Bread. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give strength and courage to all pastors and those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression. Comfort them through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Hear our prayers for our nation. Cause us to live in harmony with one another, and free our citizens from want, suffering, danger and fear. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Show kindness to the sick *[including \_\_\_\_\_]*. Never let them be in doubt that you hear their prayers. Relieve all pain and provide for those who suffer from any kind of hardship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Bless those who commune this day, that they may rejoice to receive your forgiveness through this precious gift, be strengthened in times of doubt, and be nourished in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son to be the Bread of life. Keep us steadfast in the faith, so that when our last hour comes, we may rejoice at the marriage feast in his kingdom which has no end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



#### THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.

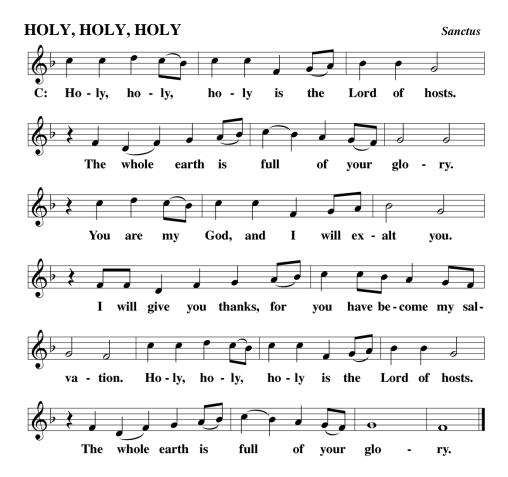


**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



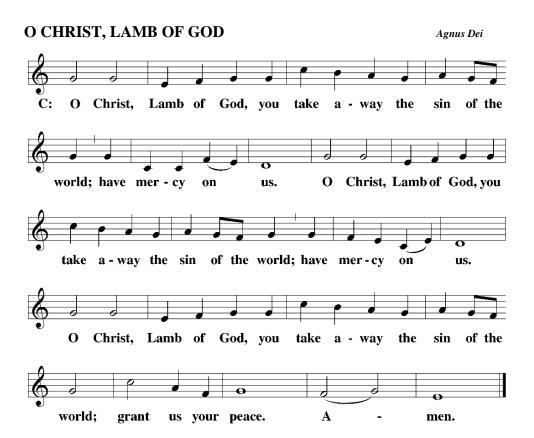
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



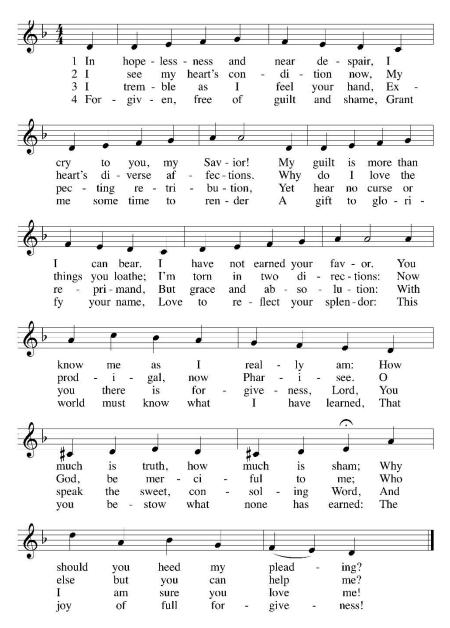


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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

#### In Hopelessness and Near Despair



This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You."

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#### **THANKSGIVING**

STAND

#### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.







M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



#### **CLOSING HYMN** (CW 185:2-3)

#### O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt. Tunc: Es 1st Gewisslich (87 87 887) Klug. Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535.

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#### **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

# Worship Meditation August 11, 2024

#### SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOSE FOCUSED ON THE EARTHLY

#### EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

Physical food is a blessing from God without which we would literally wither away and die. That is why Jesus lovingly and miraculously fed thousands of followers with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Yet, while physical food is a good thing, it is far from the greatest thing God provides us. The greatest blessing God provides is spiritual food. The best thing God gives us is his Son, the bread of life. Without that spiritual food, we wither and die in a much worse way.

This week we see the multitudes coming to Jesus looking for two things: ever more temporal blessings—full bellies, healthy bodies—and an explanation of how to gain them. Jesus explains the greater need for spiritual food. He assures us that there is nothing we do to earn it. Our Father urges us to come to him for our daily bread, asking him to provide for our temporal needs. But may we hunger most for our greatest need: spiritual food that Christ freely gives.

#### **Weekly Bible Studies:**

Sunday 8:00 am: Exodus, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, lower level

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, lower level.

<u>Friday 6:00 am:</u> Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **Matthew** DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

#### Sunday August 11: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Worship Service Begins: 9:00 am with Holy Communion Bible Study: 8:00 am - sanctuary

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Phil Boll
- Ushers: Steven & Sef Fox and Dave & Ben Olson
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

# **Sunday August 18:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Alex Kopplin (08/11), Mira Parker (08/14), Jen Sauer (08/15), Jake Scott (08/15), Sara Natysin (8/16) and (for real) Bob Degnan (8/17) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversaries</u> We wish God's blessings to David and Ashley Natysin (08/16), Dieter and Corie Bradley (08/17), and Greg and Diane Zeman (08/17) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Steve Tobison, who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

#### **Choir Rehearsal**

The first choir rehearsal of the 2024-2025 season will be on **Tuesday**, **August 27th**, **at 6:00 p.m.** The choir meets for rehearsals in the worship area from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening. If you have ever thought about singing with the choir and if you are interested in joining the choir and adding your voice, we encourage you to do so. Please talk with the choir director, Elaine Wilson, so that she can have a choir folder ready for you. You can also contact Elaine at 608-692-9830 or ewilson4519@gmail.com.

There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord.

There are various kinds of activity, but the same God,

who produces all of them in everyone.

Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Have you ever given thought to the gifts given to you? If so, we welcome you to share your gifts for the common good in areas of ministry. Currently are seeking Sunday School Teachers from Pre-school to Teens, and a Youth Group Activity Leader for the 2024-25 school year. If you have interest or would like more information on fulfilling these needs, please contact Kristin V at 608.846-9036 or lolchurchoffice@gmail.com

#### **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

This Evening Youth Group Bible Study & Fire Pit Party | 6:30 – 8 pm - Fire Pit

August 14 Bible Study in sanctuary - Guest Speaker Dr. Wade Johnston from
WLC to present: "Constantine and Christianity: A Tale of Two Kingdoms"

August 15 Sunday School Teacher Meeting | 6:30 pm – lower level

August 17 Ladies coffee and breakfast at M-N-M's in Waunakee – 8:00 am

August 24 Adult Euchre Night | 6:00 pm – fellowship hall – (note date change)

August 27 First Choir Rehearsal for 2024-250 | 6:00 pm – sanctuary

## September 8, 2024

# Return to 2 Worship Services 8:00 am, 10:30 am

- ❖ 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service Schedule Resume
- Installation of Sunday School Teachers 8:00 am service
- First Day of Sunday School lower level
- First Day of Teen Class lower level
- **❖** Bible Study 9:45 10:15 *− sanctuary*