

I am the . . .

Bread  
of Life

Sundays

8:30 9:45 11:00



pentecost 14

August 25, 2024

prelude

Confession & Absolution

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

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

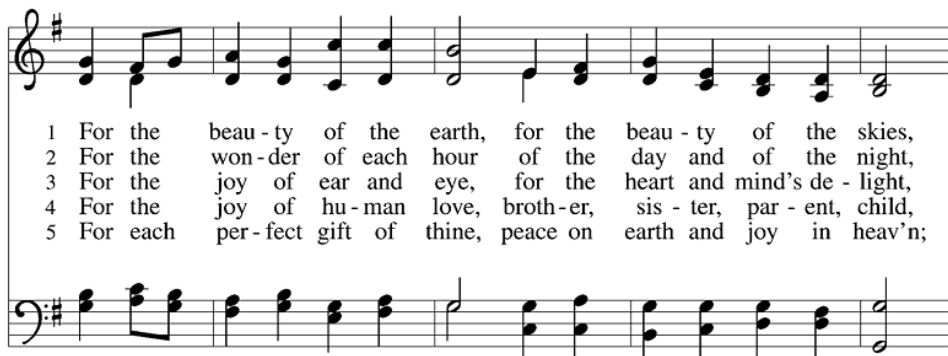
*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

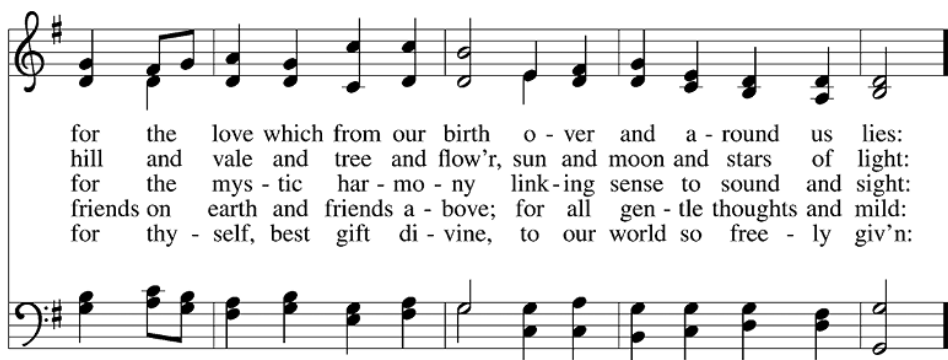
*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

**Entrance hymn**    *For the Beauty of the Earth*    **879**

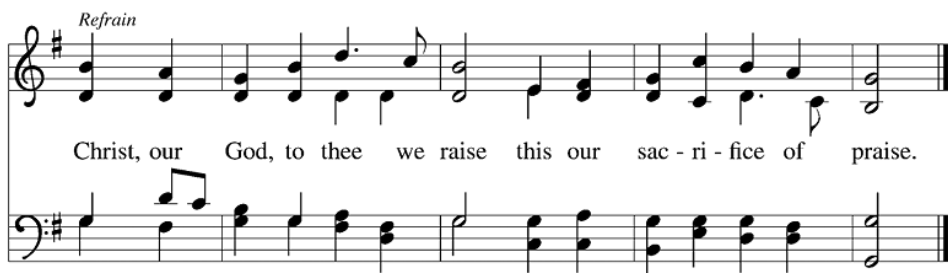


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a-bove; for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy-self, best gift di-vine, to our world so free-ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

# Greeting

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

**C: And also with you**

# Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



# Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

*Refrain* S121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: God of strength and mighty, as you have always watched over and empowered your faithful people, watch over and empower us, now, as we face the struggles of being faithful where faithfulness is not valued. Through the hearing of your Word, the feasting at your Table and the support of this community of believers, provide us the courage, discipline, wisdom and grit we need to remain steadfast in living out our identity as your people in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## First Lesson

JOSHUA 24

### Joshua Gives God's People the Choice to Worship God

**A**fter Moses died, Joshua lead God's people into the promised land. And 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, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons, Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates river and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst and afterwards I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, the Lord put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon the Egyptians and cover them and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I handed the Amorites over to you, and you took possession of their land, ... it was not by your sword or by your bow - I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive yards that you did not plant.

Then Joshua said, "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve the Lord 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. The Lord 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."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**



The eyes of the LORD are up - on the righ - teous.

*The eyes of the Lord are upōn the righteous,  
and his ears are open fō their cry.*

**The face of the Lord is against those w̄ho do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them f̄rom the earth.**

*The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from āll their troubles.*

**The Lord is near to the b̄rokenhearted  
and will save those whose sp̄rits are crushed. R**

*Many are the troubles ōf the righteous,  
but the Lord will deliver him out ōf them all.*

**The Lord will keep safe āll his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

*Evil shall sl̄ay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous w̄ill be punished.*

**The Lord ransoms the life ōf God's servants,  
and none will be punished who f̄rust in God. R**

## Second Lesson

## Ephesians 6:10-18

**F**inally, be empowered! in the Lord and in the dominance of the Lord's strength. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may have power to stand against the methods of the devil! Because our wrestling-match is not with blood and flesh, but with the rulers, with the authorities, with the world-dominators of this darkness - with the spiritually wicked in the heavens. For this reason, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may have power to resist in that evil day, and having done everything to stand. Stand, therefore! Put on the supportive athletic underwear of truth, and put on the breastplate of righteousness, and lace up your combat boots of the "readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace," always take up the shield of faith with which will have the power to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one, and allow the helmet of salvation to be placed on your head, and allow the

sword of the Spirit to be put on your side - which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and in every one of your prayers and supplications - to that end, keep alert and always persevere in making supplications for all the saints.

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**Verse**

**886** vs. 1, 4-6



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel**

**John 6:60-69**

*Jesus finished his dialogue with the crowd and with the Jews who were murmuring about his claim that he is the bread of life from heaven.*



Then many of Jesus' disciples who had heard what Jesus had taught, said, "this Word is difficult; who has power himself to hear?"

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about it, said to them, "This scandalizes you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? The spirit is life-making, but the flesh is not profiting anyone. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life, but there are some among you who do not believe" - for Jesus knew from the very beginning who was not believing, and who was the one who would be handing him over.

And Jesus continued by saying, "For this reason I have said to you that no one has the power to come to me if they are not given to me from the Father."

Because of what Jesus said, many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked about with him.

So, Jesus asked The Twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom else will we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day *Blessed Jesus Living Bread* [tune: ELW 373]



Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, By your self our - souls are fed;  
Ah, what wel - come words you speak: Com - fort to re - vive the weak,  
Word In - car - nate, Word di - vine Word that comes in bread and wine:  
We are in that crowd you fed With your blest, a - bun - dant Bread.



Give us all the eyes to see All that you were sent to be.  
God's own wis - dom, hope, and cheer Star - ving souls are blest to hear.  
Love that we have come to know: Lord, to whom else shall we go?  
Moved by ev - 'ry hu - man care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.

## 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 the CHURCH & PASSING of the PEACE

### Offering

### Offertory

870 vs. 1 & 3

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

S 144b

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THE 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION Hymns

465, 471

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction

Recessional *I received the Living God* **477**

*Refrain*

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

*Refrain*

## Postlude & Dismissal

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Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Art Schroder, in memory of Josephine Halada.



### Sunday, August 25

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Last Outdoor worship for the summer!

### Monday, August 26

2:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

### Tuesday, August 27

3:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

### Thursday, August 29

5:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Stone House Bar and Grill

### Sunday, September 1

*Name Tag Sunday*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Bible Study Tuesday @ Grace**

**6:30 a.m.**  
Breakfast & Bible Study in-person  
*A Chapter a Week in Ecclesiastes*

**11:00 a.m.**  
Online & In-person @ Grace  
*Reading Through Isaiah*

**7:00 p.m.**  
Online Video Conference  
*Reading through the Old Testament*

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# BEGINS



Sunday School Opening  
Sunday 9/8 @ 9:45

To Learn More  
To Sing To Pray Together



# CONFIRMATION

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES



### Weekly Classes Begin

Sunday Sept 8 @ 9:45 am *or*

Tuesday Sept 10 @ 4:30 pm



# WHAT'S AFTER CONFIRMATION??

SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
*Youth*

Deep Questions  
Activities  
Music  
Conversations



Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

