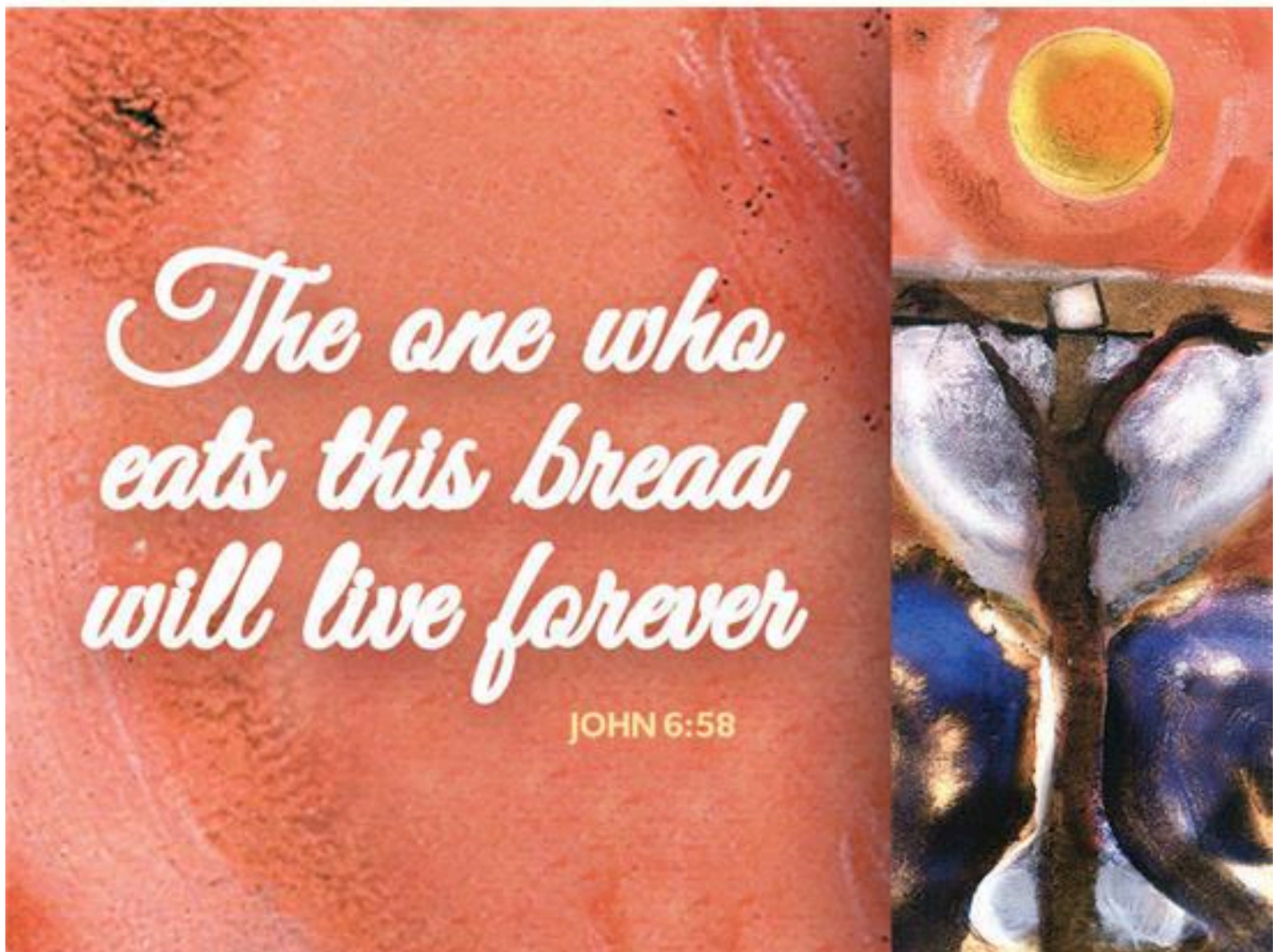


Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

August 18, 2024 at 9:30 AM

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>



Welcome! We are a family of faith, and glad you are here! We are all in the blue hymnal at your seat called *"With One Voice."* The confession is on page 10, then the rest of the liturgy proceeds from page 28 (Holy Communion V).

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

In Worship: Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes 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.



*Flowers today are given by Amy Zimmerman
in celebration of Linda & Mickey's 53rd Anniversary.*

Serving Today: Greeter, Betty T / Acolyte, Welmerink Family / Reader, Jean C / Asst Minister, Erica W / Cantor, Matthew R / Ushers, Tom L & Zack W / Altar Guild, Sharon S & Trish D / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Sigrun C & Stan P / Coffee after Worship, Zimmerman Family

GATHERING-

WOV Holy Communion Setting Five

Announcements

Short musical interlude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pr: Please join us on page 10 of your hymnal.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

GREETING

Pr: Please join us on pg 28 of your hymnal.

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.**

KYRIE

Cantor: Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Christe eleison:

Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
 "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
 "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
 Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:9-14

Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
 The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
 Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
 Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
 Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
 Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg 31 of WOV)

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter,

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY**CREED**

A: We confess our faith with the Apostle's Creed, on pg. 33.
(it's printed in the hymnal)

THE PRAYERS

-MEAL-

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

OFFERING PRAYER**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary 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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**COMMUNION AND HYMNS**

- Lamb of God

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

-SENDING-

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Comments on today's theme:

In biblical and extra biblical poetry, the figure of Wisdom was closely tied to the processes of nature. Jews came to praise *Hokmah*, *Sophia*, as a manifestation of God, active at creation, by whose wisdom all things came into being. For Christians, Jesus is Wisdom herself, and he/she calls us to live in God's wisdom in the actual world God made, in our very flesh and blood. John's use of "flesh" in today's gospel is more evidence that our faith is meant to nourish us for our life on this earth, rather than as an escape into another reality.

St. John of the Cross, living in Spain one generation after Martin Luther lived, celebrated – in poetry – Christ/Wisdom in revelatory ways. And, following that devoted example, we have songs and hymns with this echo. One hymn that celebrates the imagery of Woman Wisdom is "We eat the bread of teaching" (in our cranberry hymnal, ELW 518). For centuries, Christians applied the descriptions of Wisdom to Christ. The contemporary interest in female imagery for God has made this image popular once again.

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