

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021 10:30 a.m.



Wheat Field ~ Vincent van Gogh

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Rachel C.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain:**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain:**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby; **Music:** Phoebe P. Knapp

Greeting

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.

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain:

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
To God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

Then 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 and served other gods. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him 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. He 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.*

Psalmody

*Taste and See
Psalm 34*

L. Daehlin

Text: Psalm 34, adapt.; **Music:** James E. Moore, Jr. Music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

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Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Music: Thomas Pavlechko. Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Gospel – John 6:56-69

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. He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, *This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?* But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, *Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.*

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, *For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.* Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, *Do you also wish to go away?* Simon Peter answered him, *Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.*

Sermon *Word of God, Word of Life* Pr. Mandsager

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to me shall not hunger,
 And who believe in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

**And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
 Is my flesh for the life of the world,
 And if you eat of this bread,
 You shall live forever, you shall live forever. **Refrain:**

Prayers of the Church

Plough, alt.

Now Is the Cool of the Day

L. Daehlin

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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



Invitation and Instruction for Communion at Home

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

Let us pray.

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song *Lamb of God* ELW, page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

O bread of life from heaven,
 O food to pilgrims given,
 O manna from above:
 Feed with the blessed sweetness
 Of your divine completeness
 The souls that want and need your love.

O fount of grace redeeming,
 O river ever streaming
 From Jesus' wounded side:
 Come now, your love bestowing
 On thirsting souls, and flowing
 Till all are fully satisfied.



We love you, Jesus, tender,
 In all your hidden splendor
 Within these means of grace.
 Oh, let the veil be riven,
 And our clear eye in heaven
 Behold your glory face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, tr. Hugh T. Henry, sts.1,3; tr. Philip Schaff, st. 2; **Music:** Heinrich Isaac;
 arr. Johann Sebastian Bach.

Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
 lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ,
 Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

At the Name of Jesus

Rachel C.

**We extend a warm welcome and our gratitude to
Rachel Coltvet and to Lisa Daehlin
who share their ministry of music with us this morning.**



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