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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, August 18, 2024; 9:30 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

C: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW #689

Prayer of the Day (All)

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.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Dennis Moritz

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Verse

“Alleluia”

Dakota Road

Alleluia. To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)
[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“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.”
⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So 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. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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.”

(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

Children’s Sermon

Deacon Suzanne Hansen

Sermon

Pastor Robert Hansen

Hymn of the Day *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW #542

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)



Offertory Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW #679

Offertory Prayer

L: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
C: **Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution
+Lord’s Prayer
+Distribution Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
+Blessing

ELW #502

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW #551

Sending: P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**