# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

# Sunday, August 18, 2024

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# 10:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion

Welcome visitors! We have a weekly email you can join to be   
notified about upcoming events (aageorge27@sbcglobal.net),   
as well as a website ([www.sov-lc.org](http://www.sov-lc.org)) and a Facebook presence.

Normal print indicates pastor

L: indicates Lay Reader

Bold indicates congregational response

\*Those in the sanctuary are invited to stand

# GATHERING

## The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**PRELUDE***We Eat the Bread of Teaching* arranged by Karl Helmer

WELCOME

Worship Announcements and Prayer sharing

Ringing of the church bell

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,

let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

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. **Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Praise and Thanksgiving* ELW #689

\*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.**

\*Kyrie ELW p.203

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\*canticle of Praise ELW p.204

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\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **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.**

# WORD

## God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

### CHILDREN’S TIME

### A Reading from Proverbs 9:1-6

### 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.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 34:9-14

9Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,  
  for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.  
10**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**  
  **but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**  
11Come, children, and listen to me;  
  I will teach you reverence for the Lord.  
12**Who among you takes pleasure in life**  
  **and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**  
13Keep your tongue from evil  
  and your lips from lying words.  
14**Turn from evil and do good;**  
  **seek peace and pursue it.**

### A Reading from 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION elw p.205

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**\*GOSPEL John 6:****51-58**

The holy gospel according to John. **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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon Pastor Gaeta

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Let Us Eat* ELW #491

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### \*THE APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p.105

**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.**

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**L:** Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**L:** Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**L:** Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**L:** Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**L:** Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

\*sharing of the peace

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# MEAL

## God feeds us with the presence of Christ

\*offertory prayer

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. 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.**

\*THe Great thanksgiving elw p.206

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary…

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, holy, holy** elw p.207

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**\*Lord's PrayeR** ELW p.204

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| **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.**  **Save us from the time of trial**  **and deliver us from evil.**  **For the kingdom, the power,**  **and the glory are yours,**  **now and forever. Amen.** | **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 communion

Communion is offered in gluten-free bread and your choice of wine or white grape juice. The wine is available by intinction in the common cup or in individual cups. All who believe Jesus is present in the bread and wine of the communion meal are invited to participate. Children are welcome to receive communion under the guidance of their parents. If you wish to simply receive a blessing, just keep your hands at your side or crossed in front of your chest.

**Lamb of God** Elw p.208

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\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** elw #207

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\*Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

\*BLESSING

**\*sending hymn** *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* ELWS #523



**announcements**

**Dismissal** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arranged by D. Young

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