



**For at one time you were darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.**

**Ephesians 5:8, ESV**



**✝ Sunday, August 18, 2024 ✝**

**✝ Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost ✝**

**✝ Praise Service – 10:30 am ✝**

## Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

### Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's

Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

### To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

### Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

***Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.***

***Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Lydia's Fellowship***

## **Prelude by Mark and Phil**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand*

## **Opening Song**

*I will Follow*

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my side  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

*(Chorus)*

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You

Light unto the world  
Light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone

*(Chorus)*

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

**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**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.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Song of Praise

*There is a Redeemer*



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

**A** Wisdom. How do we define it? God views it as faith in Him and living a life according to His ways. Listen to how these Proverbs instruct our way of life. The Old Testament is from Proverbs chapter 9:

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”  
To him who lacks sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”
- <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

**A** Empty words are those spoken outside of God's direction and truth. Paul reinforces this as he then tells us to walk carefully and not in an unwise manner. In other words, recognize how you live your life. If it is against God's ways, then change. If it is according to His ways, then continue to grow in God. The Epistle reading is from Ephesians chapter 5:

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:51–69*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon Song**

*Above All*

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things.  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the word began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders of the world has ever known,  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

*(Chorus)*

Crucified, laid behind a stone.  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all.

## **Sermon**

*Words without Thought*

## **Offering**

*Please Stand*

## **Offertory**

*Be Glorified*

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Preface**

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

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**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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;  
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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei - The Lamb

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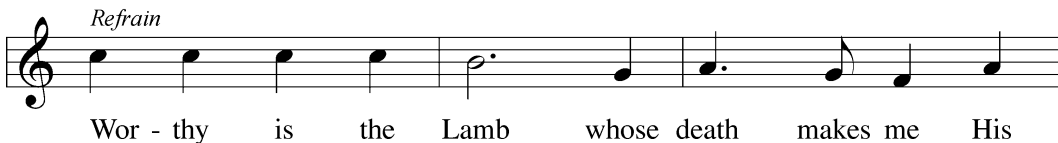


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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*Please be seated*

## Consider the following as you approach for Communion:

*St. Paul reminds us that it is important to examine ourselves and prepare our hearts and minds for the rightful reception of the Lord's Supper. To help with this process, please prayerfully consider the following three questions.*

- 1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of a Savior?*
- 2. Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and that true life and forgiveness come only through Him?*
- 3. Do you believe that Jesus' true body and blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins?*

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

## Distribution

*Please Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks

## Thanksgiving

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**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## **Closing Song**

*Blessed be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Tho' I walk thru the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Tho' there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

## **The Dismissal**

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude by Mark and Phil**

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## ***Opportunities at Shepherd of the Coast***

✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

✠9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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