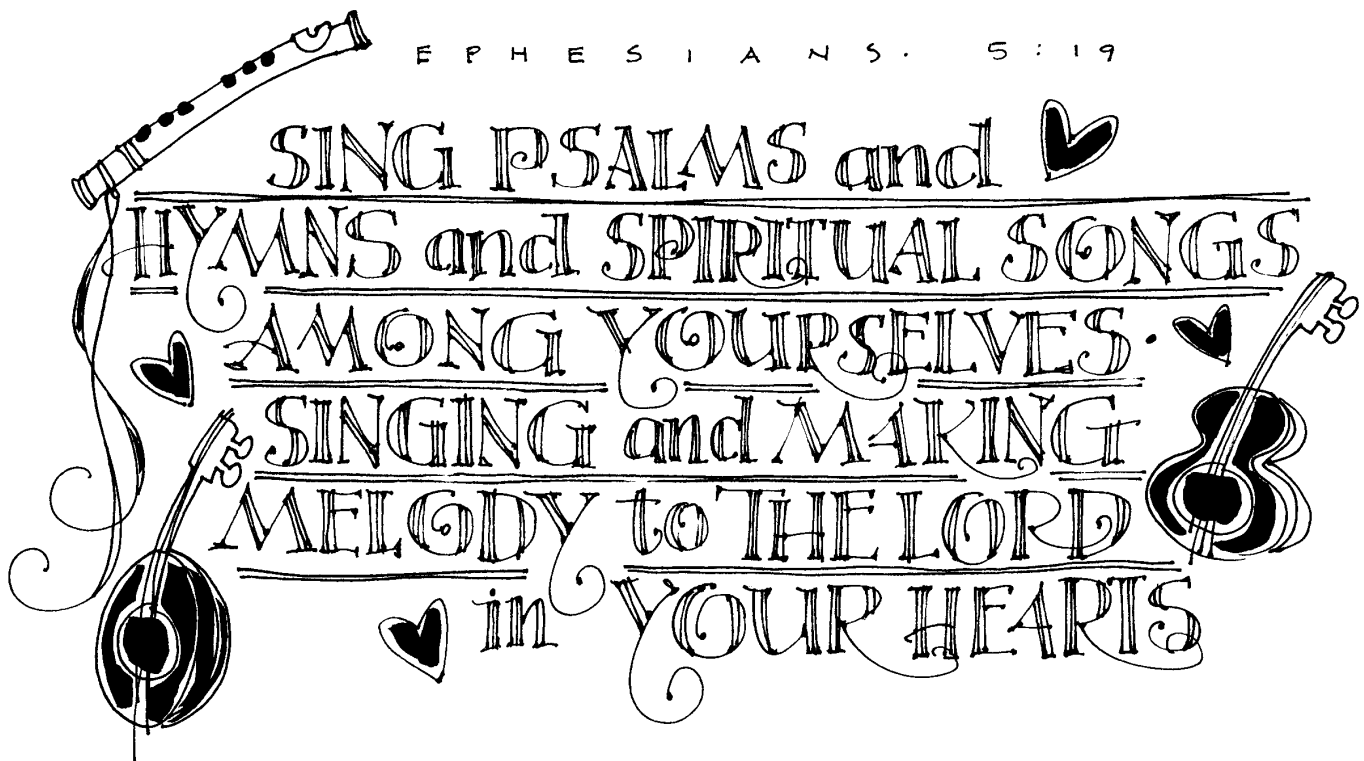


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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 18, 2024**

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**\*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.

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 SONG *Ten Thousand Reasons: Bless the Lord, O My Soul* (ACS 1097)**

*Refrain*



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;



2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your



3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



. . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my



pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand



*Refrain*

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. rea - sons for my heart to find. years and then for - ev - er - more!

Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974, and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982  
 Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

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TEN THOUSAND REASONS  
 Irregular

**\*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.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

A reading from Proverbs.

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

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

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14**

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you saints <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
for those who fear the <sup>1</sup> LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and <sup>1</sup> suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing <sup>1</sup> that is good.**
- <sup>11</sup> Come, children, and lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence <sup>1</sup> for the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> **Who among you takes plea- <sup>1</sup> sure in life  
and desires long life to en- <sup>1</sup> joy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your | tongue from evil  
and your lips from | lying words.  
<sup>14</sup> **Turn from evil | and do good;**  
**seek peace | and pursue it.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from Ephesians.

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

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

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup> "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."

<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, "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. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> 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** *Snapping Up Bargains!*

**\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 469)**



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**\*CREED**

**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. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Please respond.*)

*P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*OFFERTORY** *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)




We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an




of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our




lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**



## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.  
You reveal your glory  
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to\_e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.*

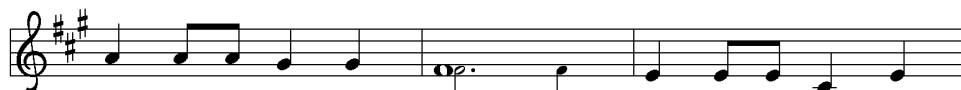
# COMMUNION HYMN *I Am the Bread of Life* (ELW 485)



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*  
 All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



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### **\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

### **\*BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

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### **Glimpses of Vibrancy**

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Faithful Christians*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God on the occasion of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary given by Dick and Betty Amt.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Nancy Marshall, Judy Johnson, Paul Yetter, Betty Amt, Bonney Coldsmith, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Norm Kuykendall, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Lilly Chiado, Bonnie Hudson, Jane and Bill Brindle, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

August 20 - Property 7pm

Social Ministry 7pm

21 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

**Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space.** Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

**Qigong/Tai Chi** class will be starting **August 21, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** and run through Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you can walk independently, you will survive the class. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

**Social Ministry will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits through August, as we have done in past years.** For a list of items needed there is an example on the easel in the church. We will be assembling the kits on Rally Day in September.

**The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room.** Please sign-up for as many as you can.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.



### A Music Note: The Story of “What a Fellowship”

Anthony Showalter was leading a singing school in an Alabama church in 1887. When he returned to his boardinghouse room one night, two letters awaited him. Both were from former students, and both men told of the recent loss of their wives. Mr. Showalter wrote back, seeking to comfort the young men in the midst of their grief.

But what to write? When he came to the end of each letter, he wanted to include a Bible verse. He picked Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ....”

He pondered the words of that verse as he penned them into the letters, and the lyrics of the chorus of *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* came to his mind. He wrote to his friend, Elisha Hoffman, explaining that he had a chorus, but no verses. Mr. Hoffman, a former soldier of the Union Army, wrote back with the rest of the words of this famous hymn.

The first stanza addresses the joy of God's presence. The hymn writer suggests that even in times of death, peace can be found. The second stanza compares the Christian faith to a pleasant pilgrimage. With the use of the first-person singular pronoun "I" in the third stanza, there is no confusion about who the speaker is.

Sam Duncan, a student and nephew of Mr. Showalter, was given the class assignment to write the tune for this poem. The piece was published under his uncle's name in the book *Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp and Evangelistic Meeting Hymnal*.

Sources: <https://hymnswelove.blogspot.com/2012/05/story-behind-leaning-on-everlasting.html>

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-leaning-on-the-everlasting-arms>