

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024—9am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"I Want to Know You" arr. Phillip Keveren

**+ 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 Song**

ELW #793

**+ Greeting**

ELW p.184

**+ Prayer of the Day**

ELW p.45

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

**Psalm 111**

ELW #111

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #172

**+ Gospel Reading**

John 6:51-58

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

ACS #971 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

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**+ Apostles' Creed**

ELW p.105

**+ Prayers of Intercession**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!*

*Electronic donations can be made at*

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

ELW p.190

**+ Proper Preface**

+ Sanctus ELW p.190

+ Thanksgiving at the Table (VI) ELW p.66

+ Lord's Prayer (sins) ELW p.191

+ Invitation to Communion

**Agnus Dei** "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

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**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song** ELW #493

+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

+ Blessing

**Announcements**

## + Sending Song

ACS #987 "Guide My Feet"  
*(Leader sings the words in parentheses)*

(Guide my feet) while I run this race. (Guide my feet) while I run this race.  
(Guide my feet) while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

(Hold my hand) while I run this race. (Hold my hand) while I run this race.  
(Hold my hand) while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

(Stand by me) while I run this race. (Stand by me) while I run this race.  
(Stand by me) while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

(I'm your child) while I run this race. (I'm your child) while I run this race.  
(I'm your child) while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.

(Search my heart) while I run this race.  
(Search my heart) while I run this race.  
(Search my heart) while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

African American spiritual

## + Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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