



**CHRIST  
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**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

C Jesus is the living bread!

P Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

C Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

P Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

C Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

~ written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Ministry Matters** website.

## WELCOME & PREPARATION

### 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C 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.

Please stand as you are able.

## HYMN

## Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night;  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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Please be seated.

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

## FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

L <sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>**“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

<sup>16</sup>**Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”**

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## PSALM 34:9-14

Spoken responsively.

L The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
**and God's ears are open** to their cry.

C The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

L The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

C The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

L Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

C God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.

L Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

## SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

L <sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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### GOSPEL John 6:56-69

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said,] <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.** <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>**When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"** <sup>61</sup>**But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"** <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 that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>**But among you there are some who do not believe."** For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, **"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."**

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So

Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Loaves Abound – Multigrain Bread

Rev. Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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 INTERCESSION

*Elements of today's prayers are* adapted from ~ Paul Sauer, and posted on the [Lutheran Forum](#) website.

P **Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.**

Loving God, you hear our prayers

A brief silence.

Holy Trinity, one God, you are so powerful that the highest heaven cannot contain you. Neither can our churches, our hearts or our world hold you fast. Nevertheless, hear our prayers and pleas this day, for your love is far greater than our needs. Loving God, you hear our prayers

C You live among us.

P God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Loving God, you hear our prayers

C You live among us.

P Arm us with your might, Lord God, else we will be defeated by evil. May your truth, peace, faith and holy Word guard us, inspire us and embolden us to be your people. Loving God, you hear our prayers

C You live among us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, help us take no offense from your difficult teachings. You are the Holy One of God, and the Heavenly Father bids us come to you in faith. Loving God, you hear our prayers

C You live among us.

P Lord God Almighty, forgive us our fear of one another, teach us to trust your Son, and bring peace to the hearts of all people. Loving God, you hear our prayers.

C You live among us.

P Holy Spirit, comfort the brokenhearted among us with your promise of redemption and resurrection, for we believe we shall live forever in the house of the Lord. Bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. This day we pray especially for Bill, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. Loving God, you hear our prayers.

C You live among us.

P God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Loving God, you hear our prayers.

C You live among us.

P God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Loving God, you hear our prayers.

C You live among us.

P People of God - The love of God has won. The new life has begun.

C Amen.

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person *you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.*

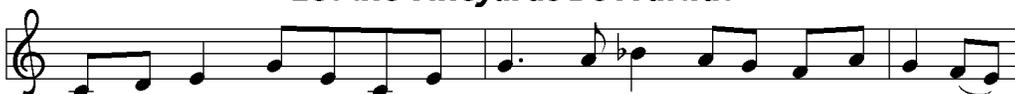
## VOLUNTARY

## OFFERTORY

*The offering is our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us. (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P 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. C Amen

## THE MEAL

Communion is both an individual and communal sacrament. Individual in that Jesus is present in, with, and around the elements we take into ourselves, and communal in that we partake of the bread and wine as a collective body of believers. Because of the communal nature of communion, please refrain from eating and drinking until pastor invites you to do so. All (no asterisk) are welcome **at God's table**.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

P The Lord is 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.

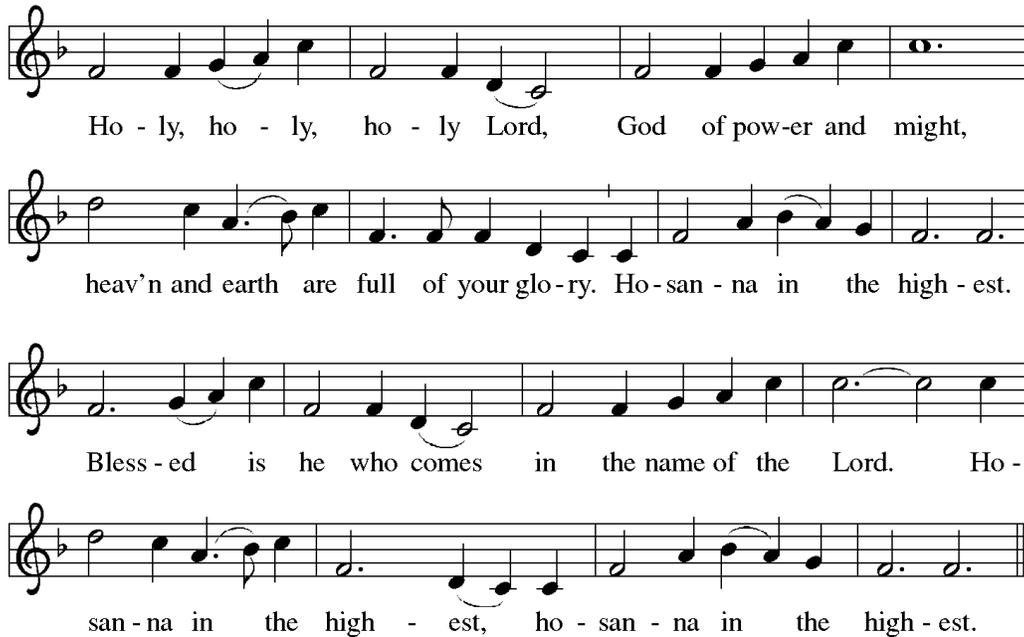
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PREFACE

P 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,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
C Amen

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

C 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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated. Time for prayer and meditation

HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.  
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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. C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION Adapted from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

P On our own  
what we have to give  
doesn't amount to much  
in the light of all you have given to us  
and in the face of so much need.

Put together as a congregation,  
**what we've offered you here this morning in love**  
that it becomes more,  
not simply added together,  
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

We ask you to bless our gifts  
and just as it was with the loaves and fishes,  
there is enough for all.  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

## HYMN

## O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

SENDING

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Bartholomew, Apostle**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

### **Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

### **Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.



## SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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