

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Seven

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life."

In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

## Prelude

# Jays & Concerns

## 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.*

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

## Gathering Hymn

*You Are the Way*

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## Greeting

**P.** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**C.** And also with you.

# Grace and Peace to You

## Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
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Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. **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 life in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

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. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"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. 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."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 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; 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.”

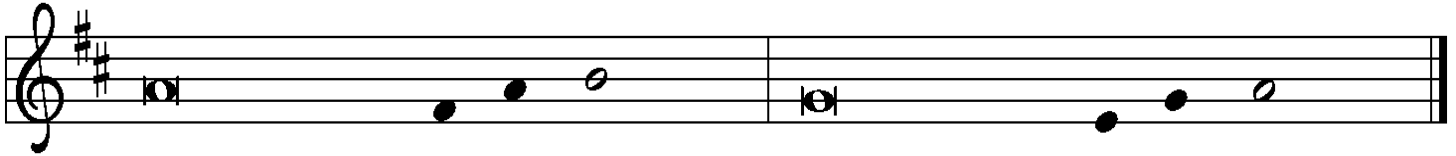
L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalmody

Psalm 34:15-22

chanted responsively



The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

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

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

**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 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. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

P. The holy gospel according to Saint John, chapter six.

### John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

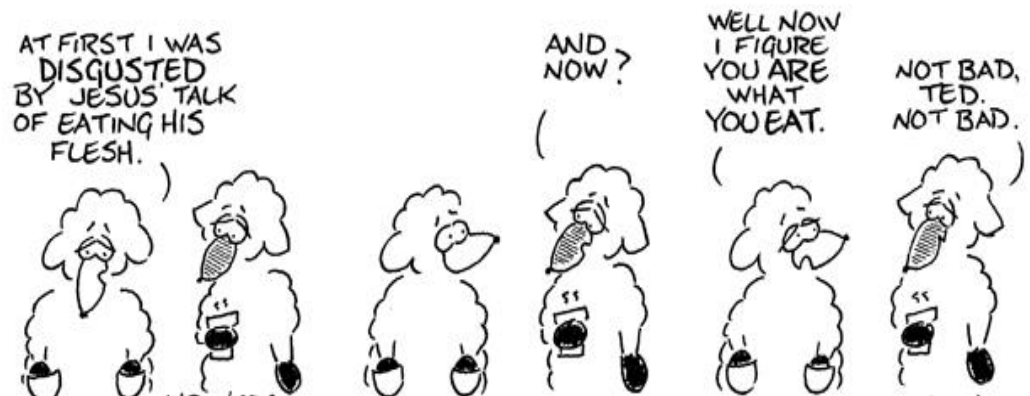
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 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. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.



Sermon

"This Teaching is Difficult"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW 810



## *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

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

*A brief silence*

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**



## The Peace

**P.** Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

## The Offering

### Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

### Offertory Prayer

**P.** 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 Great Thanksgiving

**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.

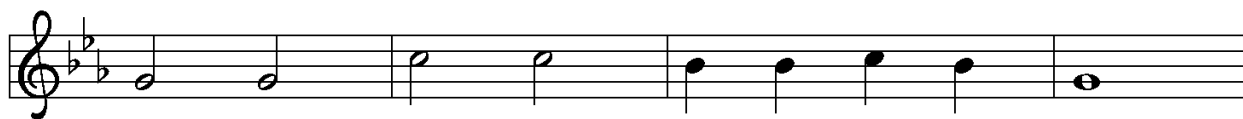
**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



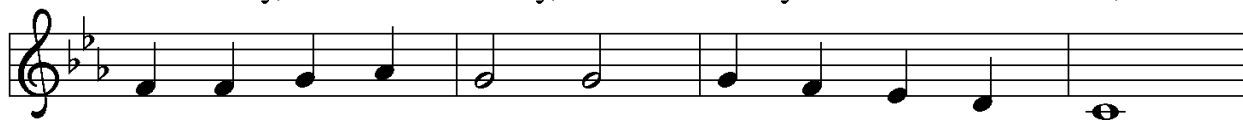
**Preface:** It is truly right . . .



# The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
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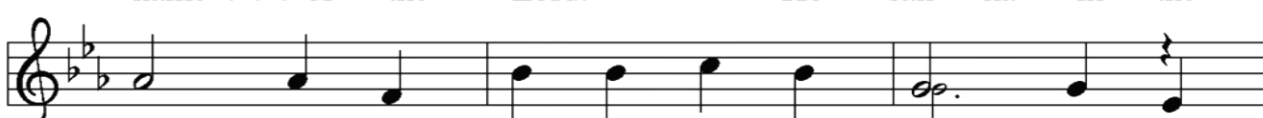
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Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.



## Eucharistic Prayer



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

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

### C. Amen

#### Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us.

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Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace.

**Post Communion Blessing and Canticle**

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

**C.** Amen

***Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace***

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



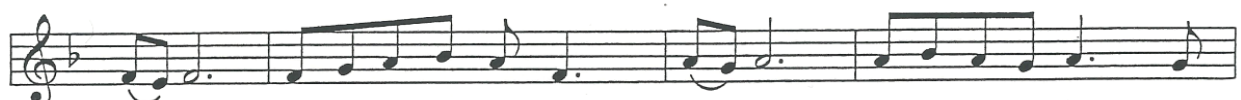
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



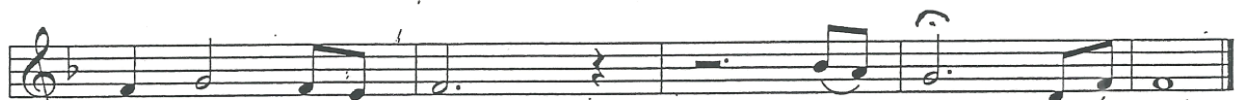
Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA - THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men.

A - men.

A - men.

**Post Communion Prayer**

A. 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

**Blessing**

P. The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C. Amen

**Sending Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

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**Dismissal**

A. Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
C. Thanks be to God.



Assisting Minister .....Alecia Harrison  
Reader .....  
Altar Guild ..... Sylvia Lambert  
Greeters/Counters ..... Sarah Watkins / Dan Hayes  
Ushers.....Terry Barnes  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



**Altar flowers this week are given by Harry Albert in celebration of Sheryll’s 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday ... again!!!**

**Candles for the month of August are provided by Julia Lochra in honor of her father Albert Lochra’s 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 15<sup>th</sup>!**

