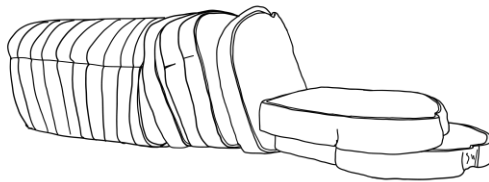


THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024
(Proper 15)

Worship Focus
The Bread That Gives Wisdom and Life



I AM THE
BREAD
OF LIFE

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Order of Service for THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

642 – O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

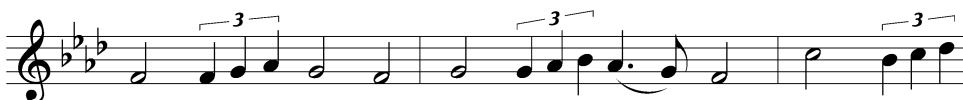
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

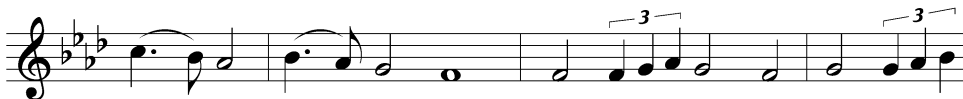
God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

630 (vs. 5,6) – Thy Strong Word



5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy
6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - at - or, to thee



mer - cy to pro - claim, throats to shout the hope that
laud and hon - or be. To thee, Light from Light be -



fills us, mouths to speak thy ho - ly name.
got - ten, praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, glo - ry,



light which thou dost send fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

In this poetic reading, spiritual wisdom is personified as a kind woman. Lady Wisdom invites us to dine on the spiritual food that empowers us to truly live.

PROVERBS 9:1 Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
2She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
3She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
4“Let all who are simple come to my house!”
To those who have no sense she says,
5“Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
6Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

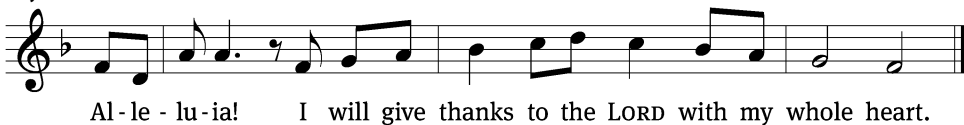
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111B – I Will Give Thanks to the LORD

Refrain



Tone



Great are the works / of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who de- / light in them.
Glorious and majestic / are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures for- / ever. *Refrain*

He has caused his wonders to be re- / membered;
the Lord is gracious and com- / passionate.
He provided redemption for his / people;
holy and awesome / is his name.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

We need a wisdom that only the Spirit can give, one that understands that in Christ we have the bread of life.

¹CORINTHIANS 2:6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived” —
the things God has prepared for those who love him —

¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

John 6:35-51

Jesus declares that anyone wise enough to eat the bread of life will live forever.

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

⁴¹At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

633 – Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

✠ Sermon ✠

John 6:41-51

Jesus is Good Food for the Soul

Sermon notes:

Stand

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

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Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are your deeds. **Your righteousness endures forever.**

Enlighten those who are blinded by the false wisdom of the world. Fill those who hunger and thirst for righteousness with the Word of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Glorious and majestic are your deeds. **Your righteousness endures forever.**

Protect all who are in authority, especially the President and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all our local authorities. Move them to govern according to your will and to maintain peace and order for the good of your church and the spread of your gospel. Glorious and majestic are your deeds. **Your righteousness endures forever.**

We give thanks for all who teach and proclaim Jesus as the Bread of life. Give them strength to persevere in godly life and doctrine, that they may lead your people by example as well as Word. Glorious and majestic are your deeds. **Your righteousness endures forever.**

With the promise of your Word, sustain the faith of those who suffer in mind or body [*especially...*], that they may find strength in your good and gracious will, and in your promise to deliver us from all evil in your time. Glorious and majestic are your deeds. **Your righteousness endures forever.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

All powerful and wise God, you give us all we need for the body, and wisdom and guidance for the soul. Feed us with the true bread of heaven, that we may be strong in faith and finally have a place at your heavenly table; through the true bread of heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

581 – Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thrall'd me,
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing
of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brother and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

521 (vs. 1,2) – Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.

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Prayer of the Church

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Petition “We give thanks for all who teach and proclaim Jesus...” remembers Johann Gerhardt, commemorated on August 17 on some calendars.
Closing collect is newly written.