

# Holy Communion



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Honor of Their Sixty-first  
Wedding Anniversary by Duane & Marianne M.**

**Bulletins Presented In Memory of Donald &  
Catherine P. and Joseph & Mary R. by  
Granddaughter Alyson R.-E.**

Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand for Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

\*P: Most merciful God,

\*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn ELW #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

**\*The Greeting**

\*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

\*C: **And also with you.**

**\* Prayer of the Day**

\*P: Ever-loving God,

\*C: **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**

<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."

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<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.

**\*Gospel Verse (sung)**

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***"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia"***

\*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

\*C: (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

[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.”

**\*P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**\*C:** (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon/Sermon**

**\*Hymn ELW #638 “*Blessed Assurance*”**

**\*Apostles 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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**A brief silence.**

\*V: Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

**Here other intercessions may be offered.**

\*V: Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

\*C: Amen.

### \*The Peace

\*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

\*C: **And also with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).*

### \*Offering

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.*

**Music at the Offering:** *"Morning Has Broken"* arr. Fred Bock

### \*Offertory Prayer

\*P: God of good gifts,

\*C: **Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

### \*The Thanksgiving

\*P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\***Sanctus** (sung)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **\*The Words of Institution**

**\*P:** 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.

**\*P:** 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**

**\*C:** **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.**

**\*Agnus Dei** (sung)

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

**\*P:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew, please ask pastor to get you a pre-packaged communion set or ask an usher.*

## **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.

**\*Post Communion Canticle (sung)**

***Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell everyone what he has done.***

***Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with  
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*P:** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**\*C: Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**\*C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn ELW #810 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**\*Dismissal**

**\*P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**\*C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild - Kim M., Stephanie R.**

**9:00 AM - Ushers: Joe & Stephanie R.**

**Lector: Alyson R. - Acolyte: Volunteer**

**Communion Assistant: Betty N., Jim G.**

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. We are now in the season of the "Sundays after Pentecost." The color of the Pentecost season is green, which leads us to think about the Pentecost season as a time of growth in our Christian faith. Throughout the summer we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter 2 to chapter 9, and St. John's Gospel chapter 6.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

**Upcoming Commemorations**

**Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153, Tuesday, August 20, 2024 -**

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today. **Bartholomew, Apostle. Saturday, August 24, 2024 -**

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.

## Today's Announcements - Sunday, August 18, 2024

### This Week at St. John's                      Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8/18/24 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Adult Book Study-"History of St. John's"	10:00 AM
8/19/24 - Mon.	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	10:30 AM
	Quilters	9 AM-Noon
8/20/24 - Tues.	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
8/25/24 - Sun.	Adult Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM

**Organist Update:** We will not be receiving applications after **Today!** If you know someone please encourage them to apply before the deadline by providing information to the church office at 610-837-1061, please leave a message. Welcome back to Sharon S. as our supply organist for this week.

**Red Beets:** We are again planning to can and sell red beets. Order forms are now located on the table inside the front doors. Get your orders in soon as they sell out quickly. If you are interested in helping please give the church office a call at 610-837-1061.

**WELCA:** To all women of St. John's and beyond. You are welcome to join the Women's group of St. John's Lutheran Church of Nazareth. They are planning a fall luncheon for all women. Stay tuned for more info, if anyone is interested please contact the church office at 610-837-1061 and please leave a message.

**Basket Raffle:** We are now collecting gift cards, and basket donations for the fall basket raffle. Any and all extra help for this event would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested and willing to help please give Jamie a call at 484-221-3455 or send an e-mail to: stjohnbath@gmail.com. The basket raffle is set for September 26-28<sup>th</sup>.



**Prayers Requested For:** Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Brother B., Cory B., Jason C., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Danielle N., Fran N. and Family, Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., The family of Ralph R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z.

*If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).*

**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many website link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>.

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