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

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Service Theme  
**THE BREAD THAT GIVES WISDOM AND LIFE**

There are many different theories about the healthiest way to eat. There's the old food pyramid, built on a foundation of whole grains. There's the Mediterranean diet, the Keto diet, the Paleo diet, and many others. We can debate which is best, but what is undebatable is that whatever your diet, you are going to die. Perhaps a vegetarian diet is indeed easier on your heart. Still, your heart is going to stop eventually. But in his Bread of Life discourse, Jesus offers food that enables us to live forever. There are foods you might never have tasted without someone working hard to convince you to try them. Likewise, this spiritual food that Jesus describes is something no one finds appealing at first, but distasteful. And so today Jesus explains that we need God to work within us, so that we have the wisdom to see that this food gives life and the faith to find this bread most delicious.

# 633 Speak, O Lord

CW 633



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.

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## Order of Service

### *Service of Word and Sacrament (CW p.26)*

- M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

(CW p.27)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



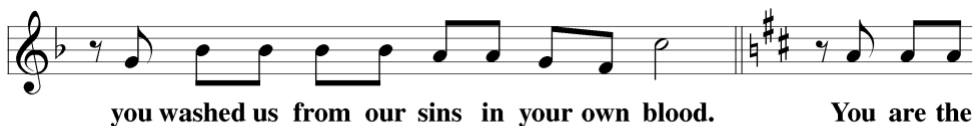
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(CW p.29)

M: 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.



## 1st Lesson

*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 9:1–6 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house; she has carved out her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her female servants; she calls out from the highest points of the city: <sup>4</sup> “Whoever is inexperienced, enter here!” To the one who lacks sense, she says, <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave inexperience behind, and you will live; pursue the way of understanding.

### **Proverbs 9:13–18 (HCSB)**

<sup>13</sup> The woman Folly is rowdy; she is gullible and knows nothing. <sup>14</sup> She sits by the doorway of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city, <sup>15</sup> calling to those who pass by, who go straight ahead on their paths: <sup>16</sup> “Whoever is inexperienced, enter here!” To the one who lacks sense, she says, <sup>17</sup> “Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten secretly is tasty!” <sup>18</sup> But he doesn’t know that the departed spirits are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

## Psalm 1

(From the Old Christian Worship Hymnal p. 64)

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



**Blessed is the man**  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\***  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water,**  
which yields its fruit in season\*

and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.

### *Refrain*

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\***  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\***  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### *Refrain*



## **Second Lesson**

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (EHV)

*St. Paul explains that we need a wisdom that only the Spirit can give, a wisdom that understands that in Christ we have the bread of life.*

<sup>6</sup>Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. <sup>7</sup>Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) <sup>9</sup>But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard  
and no human mind has conceived—

that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

<sup>10</sup>But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

<sup>12</sup>What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup>We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. <sup>14</sup>However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. <sup>15</sup>But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.  
Alleluia. (John 6:44)



C: 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!

## Gospel Lesson

John 6:35–51 (EHV)

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

<sup>35</sup>“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.”

<sup>41</sup>So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup>I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

<sup>48</sup>"I am the Bread of Life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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## Sermon Text & Theme

### **Proverbs 9:1-6, 13-18 ... Where Will Your Soul Eat?**

- 1) *Compare the Chefs.* 2) *Compare the Food.*
- 3) *Compare the Consequences.*

### **Nicene Creed**

*(CW p.31)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people.

Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### The Sacrament

*(CW p.33)*

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



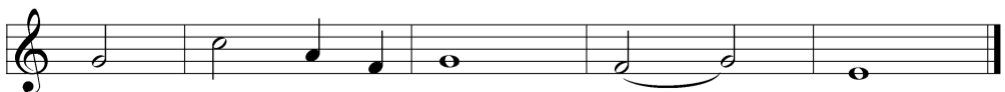
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.



## Distribution

### Thanksgiving



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

## Blessing

M: Brothers 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.



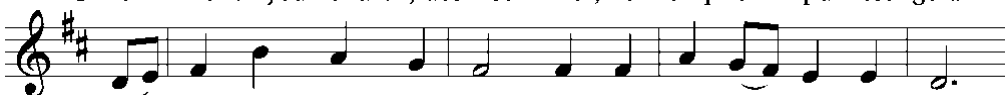
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## 642 O Word of God Incarnate

CW 642



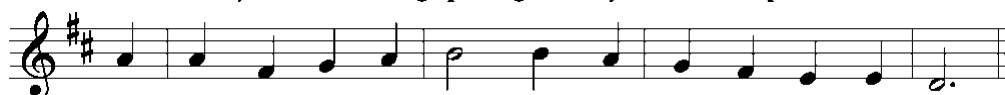
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,  
3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



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 - dian - ce 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.

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## **Announcements**

### **Church Cleaners**

August 25 – John // September 1 - Simon

### **Daily Prayer Email**

There will be a pause in the Daily Prayers emails from August 15-28. We hope to resume them on August 29.

### **Pastor Out of Town**

Pastor will be out of town from August 15 - 28. If you need to reach him during that time, please call his US number [(512) 887-8982] and leave a message.

### **Regular Worship Schedule**

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we plan on beginning our Regular Worship Schedule, with Bible class at 9 am and Worship followed by a coffee and fellowship.

#### **DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR**

**Su (15) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship with Communion**

**Su (25) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship**

**Su (1) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)  
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**



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