

Pentecost 13, August 22, 2021, **Order of Worship**

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship **Psalm 34:15-22** (Congregation reads even verses) pew Bible p. 872

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: God, our provider, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn** ***You Are the Way (vv. 1,2,4) LBW 464, ELW 758, HP 1808

Kyrie LBW p. 78

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

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

Children's Time

A reading from Joshua, the 24th chapter (24:1-2a, 14-18)

pew Bible, p. 368

In the Bible, *covenant* means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel from slavery in Egypt, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond. (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 246, Augsburg Fortress).

[After the reading: “The word of the Lord.” **“Thanks be to God!”**]

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

***Gospel** John 6:56-69

Before the gospel: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

After the gospel: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (vv. 1,3,4)

LBW 503, ELW 810, HP 1847

The Apostle’s Creed

LBW p. 85

***The Prayers of the Church** (Response to “Lord, in your mercy” is **“hear our prayer”**)

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Benediction**

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

***Sending Hymn** *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* (vv. 1,3,4)

LBW 501, not in ELW, HP 52

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God!