

August 18, 2024
13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Allemande in c" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Come, O Children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
Let us worship God!

Ps. 34:11, 14

PRAYER OF THE DAY

John 6:51

+HYMN: GTG #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Eph. 5:15-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been faithful children.
We have not lived by your law;
we have remained silent in the face of evil;
we have not refrained from deceit;
we have not followed in the way of peace;
and we have not honored all that is true and good.
We have been foolish and immature people
who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer.
Forgive us our sin, O God,
and lead us to sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ps. 34:13-14

Eph. 5:17
Prov. 9:6

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

MESSAGE FROM THE SECURITY TEAM

Tim Hammond

INVITATION TO OFFERING

+ Those who are able may stand.

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GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

OFFERTORY "Menuet in b" Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
(United States, 1991)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:51-58 N.T. page 75
Christ, the true food and drink

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 O.T. page 238
Solomon's prayer for wisdom

PSALM Psalm 111

The beginning of wisdom

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

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You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.
You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20 N.T. page 150
Filled with the Spirit

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Deut. 6:6
Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
We praise you, O Lord.

ANTHEM "Fly Away Medley" arr. Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

SERMON "An Understanding Mind" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+HYMN: GTG #546 SICILIAN MARINERS
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

+CHARGE
Church, go forth to love and serve. **We go in Jesus' name. Amen.**

+BLESSING
... and the communion of the Spirit, power of life, be with you.
Alleluia!

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You" Rankin / Tomer

POSTLUDE "Minuet" Schnittke

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes
Next Week's Greeters: Nancy Sue MacDonald and Barb VanDyke
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by Bill and Sandy Leutscher
in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#98. *John, Apostle and Evangelist*: John settled in Ephesus and was later exiled on the island of Patmos. He was the only apostle who was not executed, and lived to a very old age.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 22. What do you understand by God's providence?

That God not only preserves the world, but also continually attends to it, ruling and sustaining it with wise and benevolent care. God is concerned for every creature: "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Ps. 145:15). In particular, God provides for the world by bringing good out of evil, so that nothing evil is permitted to occur that God does not bend finally to the good. Scripture tells us, for example, how Joseph said to his brothers: "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today" (Gen. 50:20).

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sharon Ambrose	Aug. 18
Suzanne Riley	Aug. 22
John Castle	Aug. 23
Eva Schlenner	Aug. 23

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Solomon Praying to the Holy Spirit
by Willem Vrelant, c. 1460

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*