St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Saturday, August 17th at 5:00pm & Sunday, August 18th at 9:00am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK *Worship, Music, Arts Committee*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand in body or spirit*

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.

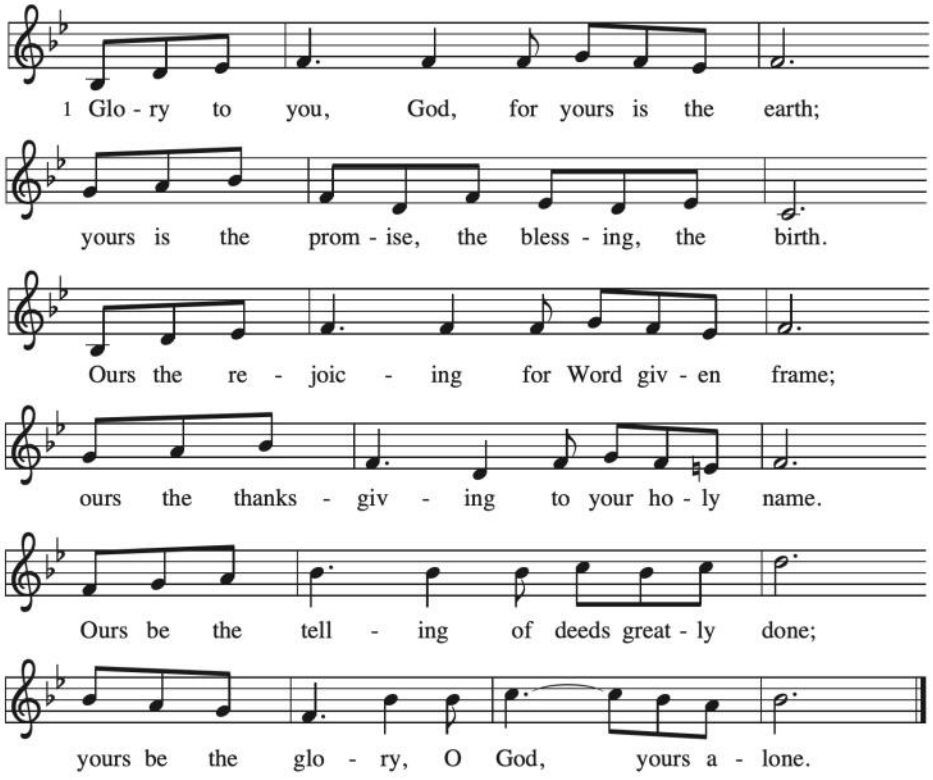
Beloved children of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ╬ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG……Hymn #853 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister)*
Let us pray. **Ever-loving God, 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

9 Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2 She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
3 She has sent out her female servants; she calls
from the highest places in the town,
4 "You who are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
5 "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Lay aside immaturity and live,
and walk in the way of insight."
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Glory to you, God from before the beginning, God bearing from above your Word of grace,
God sending on us the Dove of peace,
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You are the great I AM, feeding your people with manna in the wilderness. You are the Father of our beloved Jesus, whom you gave to the world to be the Lamb, the King of Israel, the Son of Man.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher. He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine, the good shepherd, the gate of protection, our very Lord and God, our way, our truth, and our resurrection to life eternal.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

In the night that Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he took bread, 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.

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.

With Lazarus we wait in our tomb, we hear you call our name, and we come out from our death into your life.
With Mary Magdalene we cry out.
We have seen the Lord!

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Breathe your Spirit of power on us. Nourish us with your living water, and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son. Claim us as your friends. Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes. Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another. Glory to you, O God!

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Glory to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Source of all, the Light of the world, the Advocate for your children.
Blessing, thanksgiving, honor and might be to you forever and ever. Amen.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ……..…….…….. Hymn #592 *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*

PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER AT THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go from this place to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG…….. Hymn #720 *"We Are Called"*

DISMISSAL We are God's People. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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The centerpiece arrangement is in loving memory of James Taube given by his wife, Jo Ann. The two side arrangements are given by Dick & Mary Sjoerdsma in loving memory of Dick's sister, Dorothy Tamminga, who passed away on August 13th at 94.
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