

“LORD, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
*You have
the words*
OF ETERNAL LIFE.”

JOHN 6:68, NIV

**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
8-22-2021**

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

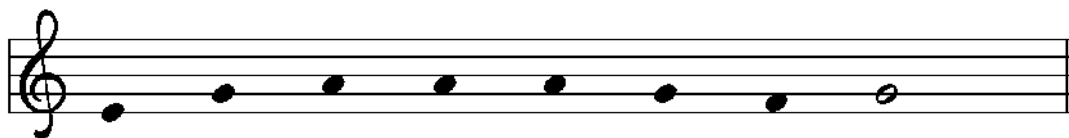
Prelude and Fugue in F, S. 556

Please stand.

THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

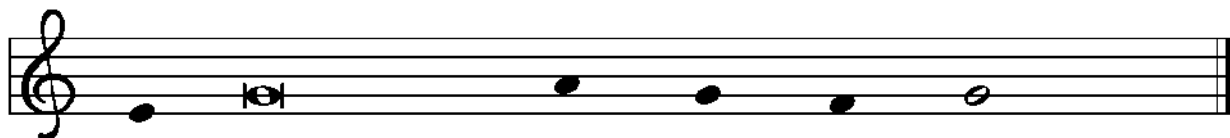
P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PSALMODY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Verses will be sung by our Cantor.

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Final response:

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

R: A reading from Joshua the 24th chapter.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose

land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 6:10-20

R: A reading from Ephesians the 6th chapter.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. offering and sacrifice to God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

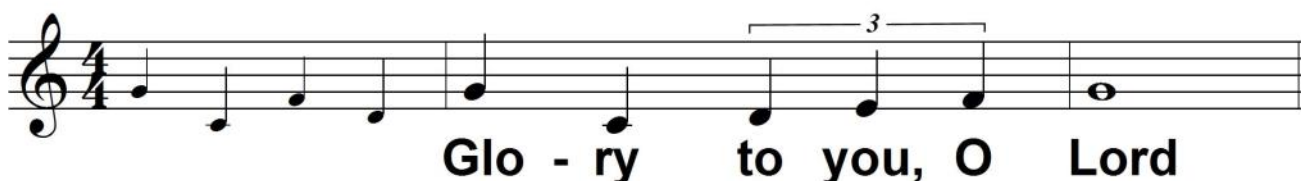
Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:56-69

A: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

C:



A: [Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.”

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

A: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:  **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**“THE WORDS THAT I HAVE
SPOKEN TO YOU ARE**



**spirit
and life.”**

J O H N 6 : 6 3

Please be seated.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

ELW 485

The Cantor will sing the verses. We will all sing the Refrain.

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

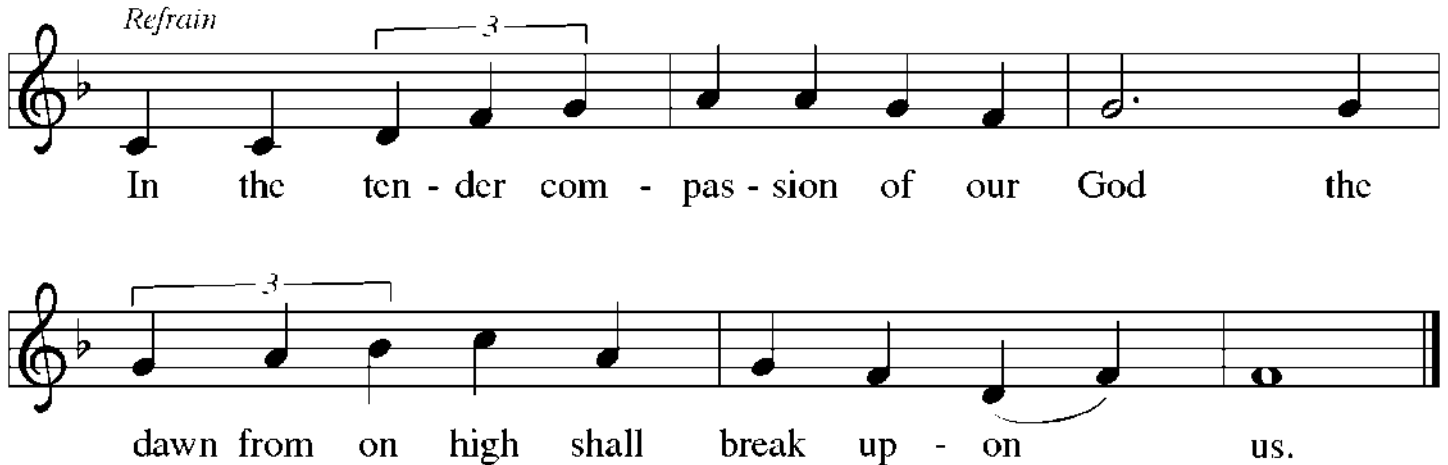
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Refrain



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

The verses will be sung by our Cantor.

NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

MEDITATION & OFFERING

Ron Schmoltze

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

THE BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.

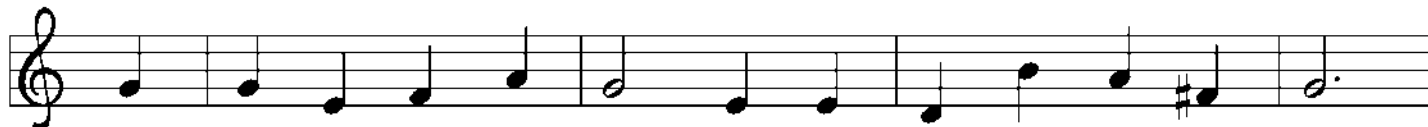


A - men

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL! *ELW 535*



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE. Henry T. Smart. 1813-1879

DISMISSAL

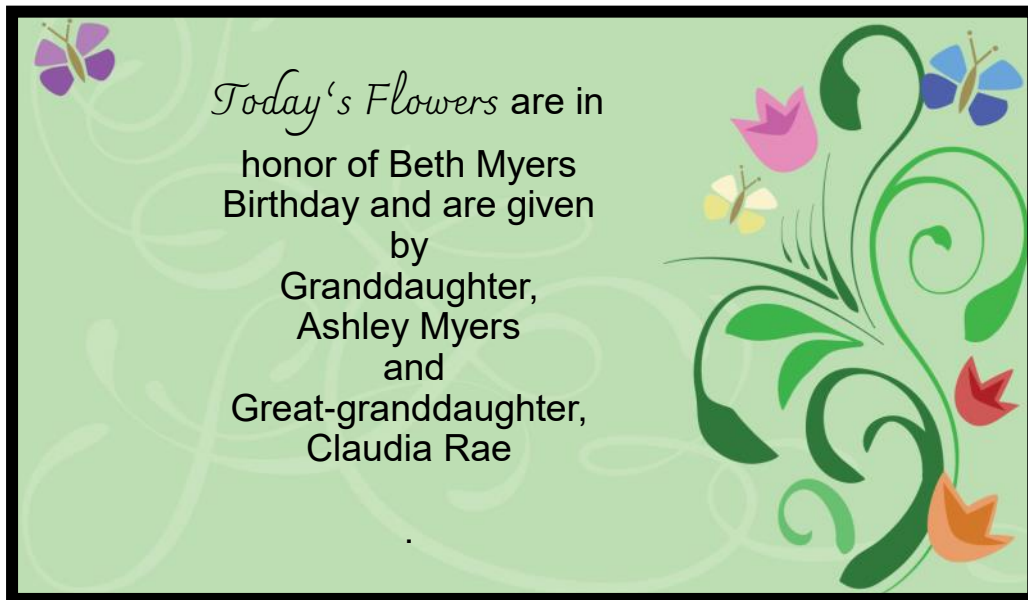
P: Go in peace. For You are the Body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

David Johnson

Trumpet Tune in F



Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera: Wendy & Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Judy Kimmel</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Gracie Chester</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant: Pastor Bailey and Vicar Mike Porter</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

Weekly Announcements

****Boxes are available in the main foyer area for the collection **
of school supplies. We are in need of the following items:**

**NOTEBOOKS
RULERS W/ INCHES & CM
PENCIL SHARPENERS
BLUNT TIP SCISSORS
CRAYONS (16 OR 24 COUNT)**

Synod Assembly

The Northwestern Ohio Synod will gather in Assembly on Friday, September 24, 6-8:30 p.m.. First Lutheran can send two delegates to this digital assembly. Individuals must have Zoom capabilities. If you would like to serve in this capacity please let Pastor Bailey know for registration information.

West Ohio Food Bank Distribution will take place **this** Thursday, August 26.
Distribution will begin at 1:00.

Volunteers should report between 12:30-12:45.

Many thanks go to our loyal volunteers who always step up to help others!

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"God is among us!"
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."