

**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 18, 2024
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Introductions to the Hymn of the Day and the new congregational offertory.

WORD OF WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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:

...

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of peace, such as a handshake, being mindful of those who prefer less contact, or the "peace" sign.



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joiice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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*GREETING

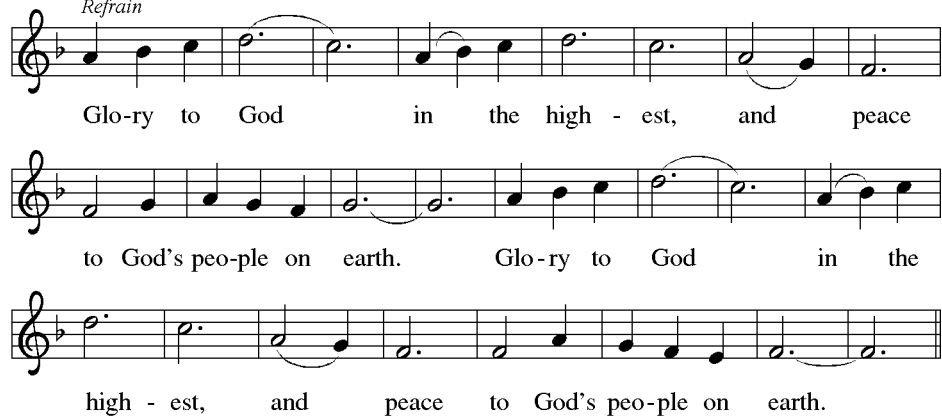
The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

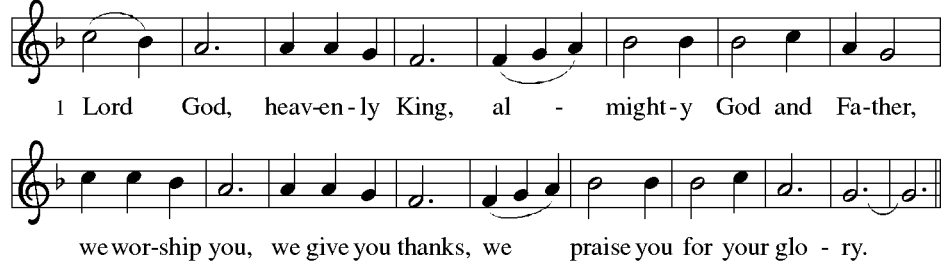
*HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God

Setting Six

Refrain

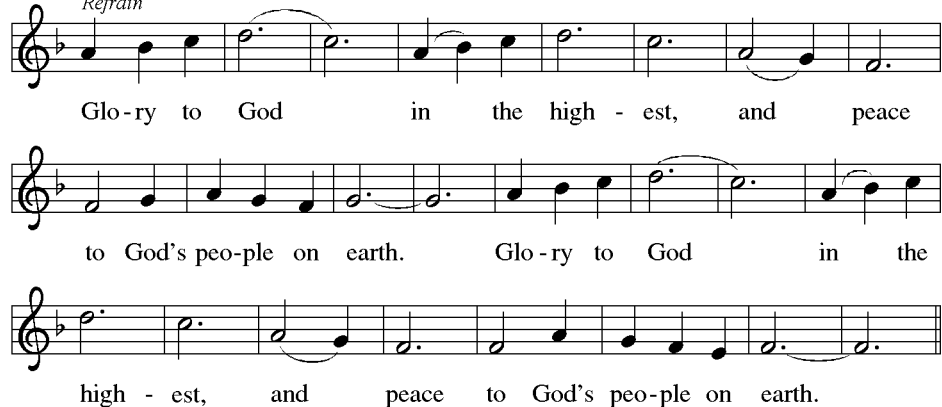


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
 “You that are simple, turn in here!”
 To those without sense she says,
 “Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight.”

PSALM 34:9-12

The psalm is sung responsively.

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
 for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
 but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the Lord.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

**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 for- | ever. Amen**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 175



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY 971 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdome MADELEINE



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be .



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The response to the petitions, which all end "Merciful God is
Receive our prayer.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

*An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of
those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org*



OFFERTORY

Reverie

Léon Boëllmann

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY 183 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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*OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting Six



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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 sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table of Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting Six



COMMUNION HYMN 485 | Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

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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*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: Amen

SENDING

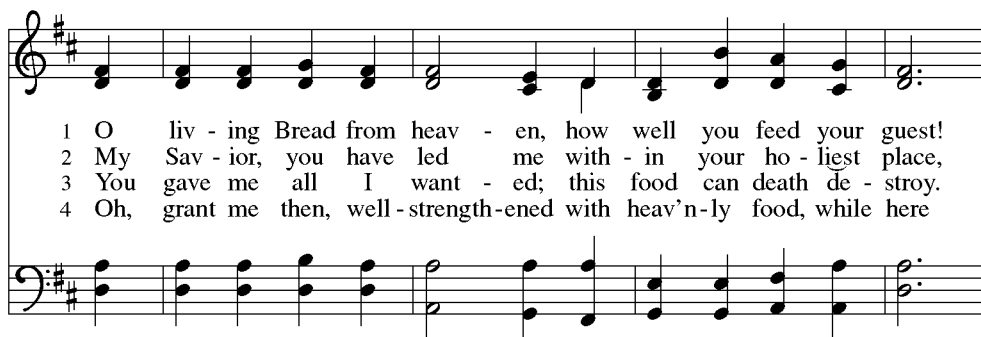
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING** *A blessing is offered and the assembly responds:*

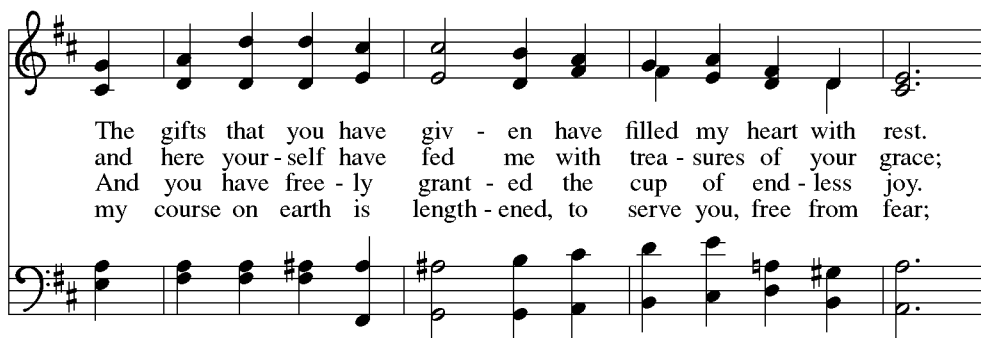
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN 542 O Living Bread from Heaven

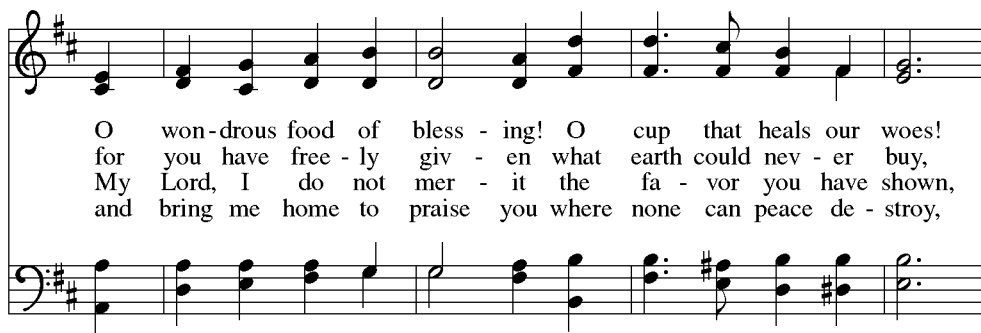
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1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav' n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o' er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Engleberg

Setting by Richard Proulx

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Carol LaBorie
Reader:	Diane Conneman
Ushers:	Jeff Snedeker and Brad Wendel
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Robert Stein in memory of his marriage to Alice seventy years ago in this church. Alice was an author of “The Church at the Campus Gate,” which details the history of the first fifty years of St. Luke.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 20	12:15	BYOL Bible Study
Sunday, August 25	10	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Welcome back Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AUGUST ITEM for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard is pasta.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: Kaye and her family on the death of Dee, Ron and Lu Poley and their children and grandchildren, Marjorie, Eckhart. Christine, Jason, and Debbie.

POTLUCK LUNCH AND MINISTRY FAIR: Sunday, September 8 after worship.

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK:

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153 | August 20

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

Bartholomew, Apostle | August 24

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN NEXT WEEK! New singers are always welcome, just come at 8:30 on Sunday.

ACOLYTES: We are looking to return to having acolytes weekly, and it's not just for the young anymore! Let Erik or Pastor Jason know if you're interested.

UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 36
Genesis 43:1-15
Acts 6:1-7

Tuesday

Psalm 36
Genesis 45:1-15
Acts 7:9-16

Wednesday

Psalm 36
Genesis 47:13-26
Mark 8:14-21

Thursday

Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:1-9
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday

Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:10-20
Romans 13:11-14

Saturday

Psalm 34:15-22
Joshua 22:21-34
Luke 11:5-13

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

John 6:51-58

There is considerable dispute among scholars concerning this passage. Some scholars argue for its historicity: since neither Hebrew nor Aramaic has the noun “body” that appears in the synoptic accounts of the last supper, John’s vocabulary might be closer to what Jesus actually said at some such meal. Other scholars argue the opposite: John is composing Christian polemic against the group he calls “the Jews,” who would have been scandalized by the idea of drinking blood. The passage does, however, accord with John’s over-the-top metaphoric style. The natural fact celebrated by John’s graphic vocabulary is that we all live off the life of others, from our mother’s milk to the flesh of dead animals. So, for John, the bread and wine are the very life of the Christ, whose death gives us life.

Proverbs 9:1-6

Scripture and the Apocrypha include several significant poems in which the Torah is likened to Wisdom, which is described as a semi-divine female. There is considerable scholarly debate about these passages. The simplest interpretation is that since the Hebrew noun “wisdom” is *hokmah*, a feminine noun, these metaphoric poems served in a clever way for the instruction of Jewish males, a literary commonplace in which both good and evil are depicted as females. A radically different interpretation is that some Jews had adopted the female deity Sophia from their neighbors and fit her into monotheism as a consort for Yahweh. The passage from Proverbs 9 contrasts Wisdom to Folly, a foolish woman who “is ignorant and knows nothing” (9:13).

Last week the psalm was 34:1-8, and this week **Psalm 34:9-14**. Verse 11 sounds as if Woman Wisdom is speaking to us. Lions may go hungry, but we eat the food of God.

Ephesians 5:15-20

The passage from Ephesians counsels Christians to live wisely. The author is assuming that Christians are meeting together for worship, which includes considerable singing. The passage includes an early form of trinitarian theology: filled with the Spirit, we praise the God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ.

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