

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....Arise, Your Light Has Come! (314)
Hymn of the Day.....O God, Who Gives Us Life
Communion.....Build a Longer Table
Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (847)
Sending Hymn.....I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (860)

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Prelude “Ride On, King Jesus” arr. Sharon Elery Rodgers

Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess how we’ve failed to embody your goodness in the world and with one another. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain relationships. Indifference stalls justice. Divisions limit love. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come! (314)

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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.

Kyrie

(Cantor sings the petitions, congregation joins in the refrain.)



☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ☐ 1. For the
☐ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord:



☐ Help, save, and de -
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ☐ A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast, this is the feast, this is the feast of



vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia.

ia.

ia.

Verse 1



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God,



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Verse 2

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion,
Bless - ing hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *To Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Ever present God,

you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Bell Choir

“Minuet” Jean-Phillipe Rameau

arr. Kevin McChesney

Reading

Genesis 39:1-23

¹ Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he

had.⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking.⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand.⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her.¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house,¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside.¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside,¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice,¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home,¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me,¹⁸ but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged.²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison.²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he

was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-5

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all
the day long.

+ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:11-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

Hymn of the Day

O God, Who Gives Us Life



- 1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
- 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
- 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Holy Baptism

Maeve Montgomery Taylor (8:00)

Presentation

The baptized are presented by sponsors. Parents promise to nurture the faith of their child, and the congregation promises their support.

People of God, do you promise to support Maeve and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

Parents and sponsors reject the forces opposed to God and the congregation joins them in confessing faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hell.
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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now
and forever.

Amen.

Baptism, Laying on of Hands, and Anointing with Oil

*God grants boundless love to the newly baptized and we respond in
prayer and anointing to call on the spirit of God.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission
we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and
bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

+Apostles Creed (10:30)

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creator of heaven and earth.**

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**On the third day he rose again;
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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

Trusting in God's abundant love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

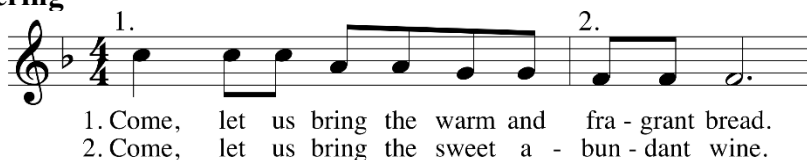
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Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering



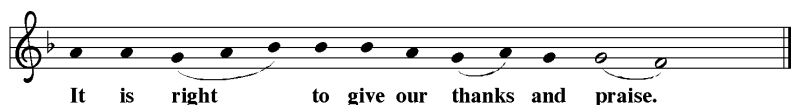
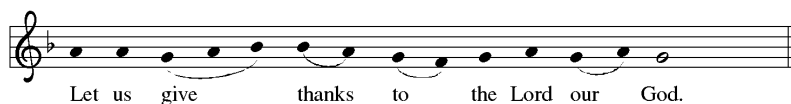
1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.



Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written on six staves. It begins in 4/4 time, changes to 2/4, and then back to 4/4. The melody is in G major (one flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Holy God.

You created stars and galaxies.

You filled the world with wonder and life.

You placed us in your garden to tend the earth and be at home.

Blessed are you, O God.

Blessed are you, Holy God.

You liberated the captives.

You formed your people and called them your beloved.

You opened your heart to us through Jesus, so that we, too might become your people.

Blessed are you, O God. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

(Cantor sings. Congregation repeats.)



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. ☑ Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise as Jesus received the cries of the poor and renew us by your Spirit, until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the company of Jesus through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your church, now and forever.



☑ A - men,



a - men, a - men.

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.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God

The musical score for "Lamb of God" is written in 2/4 time and consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 2/4 time signature. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics for the first staff are "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "world: have mer - cy on us.". The third staff repeats the first line of the melody with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics "world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace." and ends with a double bar line.

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

world: have mer - cy on us.

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

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (847)

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

The Communion Blessing Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus. Amen.

Sending Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (860)

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Prelude and Fugue in e minor” J. S. Bach

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10:30- Eddie Calderon, Paul, Karen, Alex Just

Worship Deacon: 8:00- Tom Johnson **10:30-** Donna Crump

Lector: 8:00- Bill Ayen **10:30-**Donna Crump
Cantor: Amanda Patten
Communion Assistant: 8:00- Nancy Shatto **10:30-**Sherry Seever
Communion Bread: Linda Aspelin
Communion Prep: Jason Moore
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