You're Welcome...

Pentecost 12: August 31, 2025



Holy Trinity Staff

Pastor: Rev. Mark Luscombe
Organist and Bell Choir: Debbie Fortna
Choir Director: Deb Olson
Administrative Assistant: Sue Johns

Pentecost 12 9:00 AM

Announcements

Prelude:

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(please kneel or sit)

P. God, our provider,

C. 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. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen

P. Beloved people 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. **C. Amen**

The Entrance Hymn: #880 GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

Apostolic Greeting

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

Now the Feast





The Prayer of the Day

P. O God,

C. you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Temple Talk: Damaris McNeil, Development Director of Clare House

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L. The Word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112 (read responsively with lector)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;

the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ous in lending and to manage their af- fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,

until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick-| ed will perish.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

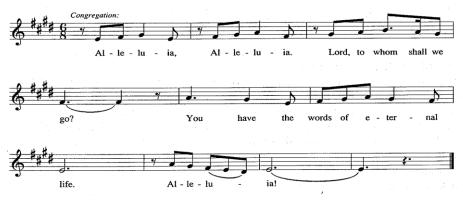
¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

- P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
- C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

(please stand)

Hymn of the Day: #533 OPEN NOW THE GATES OF BEAUTY

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

The Prayers

A. Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. (please kneel or sit) (after each petition, please respond)

A. Hear us, O God. C. Your mercy is great.

P. Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and compassion. **C. Amen**

(please stand)

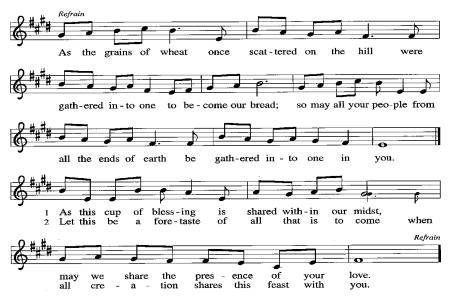
P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always! C. And also with you!

(please be seated)

Offertory:

(please stand)

The Offertory: "As the Grains of Wheat"



The Offertory Prayer

- P. Jesus, Bread of Life,
- C. you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen

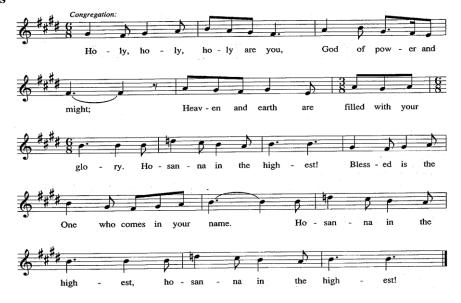
The Preface Dialogue

- P. The Lord be with you. C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts. C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

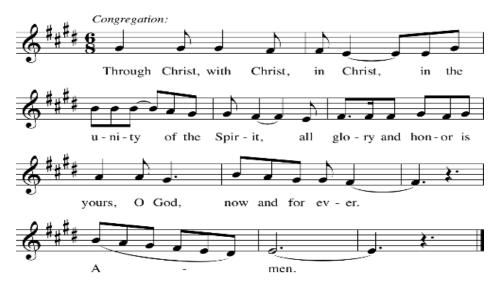
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

P. You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God......This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior.



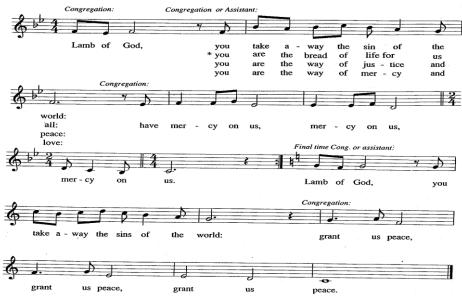
The Lord's Prayer

C. 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

The Fraction

- P. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
- C. as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The Agnus Dei - LAMB OF GOD



(please be seated)

The Distribution

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

- #462 NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION
- #769 IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU
- #522 AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE
- #779 AMAZING GRACE

(please stand)

The Blessing of Communicants

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

- P. Jesus, Bread of Life,
- C. 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

The Benediction

- P. The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever.
- C. Amen

The Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude:

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

LECTOR

9:00 Ed Quirke

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos

USHERS

9:00 Ron & Carlene Kerschner, David Kerschner Rob Gilbert

ACOLYTES

9:00 Patrice Mull

AV Matt Shirker

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Launder Linens: Lori Spitzer

Deliver Flowers: Judy Wechter

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

₱ In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Newell & Vicki Embley.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IS HONORED TO HAVE CLARE HOUSE AS OUR SPECIAL GIVING RECIPIENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2025. DAMARIS MC NEIL, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER THIS MORNING. PROGRAM DIRECTOR MICHELLE RYBNER AND DAMARIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AFTER THE SERVICE AT THE CLARE HOUSE DISPLAY IN THE GATHERING AREA. PLEASE GREET THEM WITH QUESTIONS, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

Prayers of the People

Family of Alton Good - Brother-in-law of Denise Shirker

Jake Hinkle – 4 No. Line Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

David Albright - Betty Albright's son

Shirley Reider - Hershey Medical Center

Pastor Newell Embley – 1082 Hammon Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Linda Wickert – Lori Spitzer's mother

Darryll Kuhns – 58 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

Mike Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522

Rick Woerner – 280 Boomerang Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

Scott Hambleton – friend of Mike & Judy Williams

Alex Godun – Clay & Charlann Brubaker's son-in-law

Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer's cousin

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna Emmalyn Mulvenna Janet Brunner Andrew Campbell Michael Spenrath Tony Perella Mike & Claudia Belden Henry Perella

Peyton Harter

COL. Eric Bowers Dan Wierbiki Jacob Hinkle Jr. Karen Woerner Kim Harnish Rick Gerhard Wyatt Geisthweit Les Doremus

Jim Weik Heidi White Johnny White Jacob Connelly Sue & Denis Rowe Crystal Perry Hank & Pat Kajetzke Terry Gehman Brent Stever Alan & family Dori Hoch Cindy Stahl Grant Hummer Martha Becker Chris and Karen Payonk Alysha Fassnacht Megan Onofrey John Surdich Ava Berkosky Amy Pasili Theresa Cimino Eric Mortorell Duke & Bonnie Leeper Sheldon Garman

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