

# You're Welcome...

**Pentecost 12: August 31, 2025**



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# 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

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## 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

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for 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)**

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

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

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

<sup>10</sup>**The 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**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember 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. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep 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." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do 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

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>1</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"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; <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And 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"

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

## 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

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Eucharistic Prayer

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



*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

## 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

*Congregation:* *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
\* you are the bread of life for us  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
all:  
peace:  
love:

have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(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**

<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b> 9:00 Kathy Kuhns  <b>LECTOR</b> 9:00 Ed Quirke  <b>COUNCIL TEAM</b> 9:00 Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos  <b>USHERS</b> 9:00 Ron & Carlene Kerschner, David Kerschner Rob Gilbert  <b>ACOLYTES</b> 9:00 Patrice Mull  <b>AV</b> Matt Shirker	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> 9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader  <b>Launder Linens:</b> Lori Spitzer  <b>Deliver Flowers:</b> Judy Wechter  <hr/> <b>WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:</b> <hr/> <p>✠ In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Newell &amp; Vicki Embley.</p>
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**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



*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 Connolly  
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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