

You're Welcome...

Pentecost 3: June 29, 2025



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Pentecost 3

9:00 AM



Announcements

Prelude: *Serenade*, Esther S. Higgins

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: #645 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,

C. you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (read responsively with lector)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you,

as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

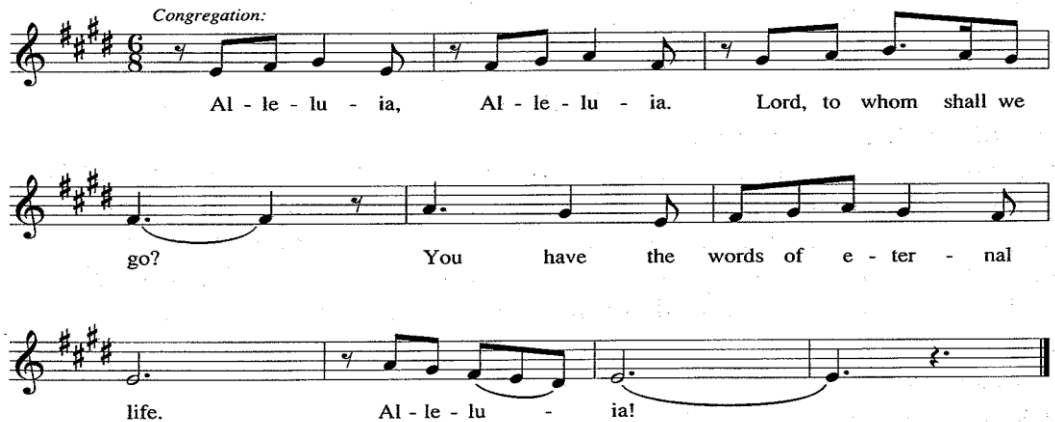
²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L. 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: #798 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

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. Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(please kneel or sit) *(after each petition, please respond)*

A. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.**

P. Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen

(please stand)

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

C. And also with you!

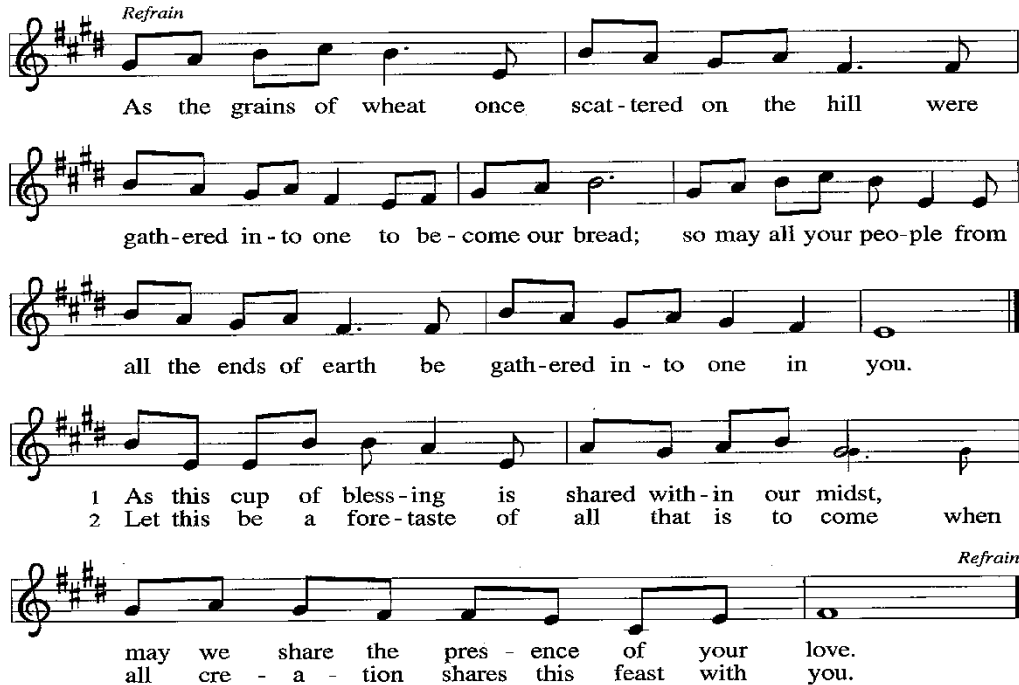
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Offertory: *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*, arr. Harold DeCou

(please stand)

The Offertory: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



The musical notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics for the first three staves are: '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', and 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The fourth staff has two lines of lyrics: '1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,' and '2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth staff is also labeled 'Refrain' and has the lyrics: 'may we share the pres - ence of your love.' and 'all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'

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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 Dialogu:

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.

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ

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: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
all:
peace:
love:

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.)

- #492 EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP
- #793 BE THOU MY VISION
- #638 BLESSED ASSURANCE
- #324 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

(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: *The Power and the Glory*, Lani Smith

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS 9:00 John Fuehrer	AV Live Stream
LECTOR 9:00 Lisa Garrett	ALTAR GUILD 9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader
COUNCIL TEAM 9:00 Kathrin Baltz, John Weiss	Launder Linens: Patricia Fassnacht
USHERS 9:00 John Fuehrer, Candy Snyder, Mark Mull, Whip Zimmerman	Deliver Flowers: Jo Hurst
ACOLYTE 9:00 Lillian Doughty	<hr/> WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY: <hr/> ✠ To the glory of God.

Prayers of the People

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543
Darryll Kuhns – 58 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522
The family of Brian Sweigart
Mike Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522
Rick Woerner – 280 Boomerang Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522
Scott Hambleton – friend of Mike & Judy Williams
Barry Kreider – 17 Beech Ct. Ephrata, PA 17522
Brenda Wangman – 445 W 2nd Ave. Apt. 2, Lititz, PA 17543
Alex Godun – Clay & Charlann Brubaker's son-in-law
Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer's cousin
Colleen Kresge – friend of Lori Spitzer
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 Connelly
Sue & Denis Rowe
Crystal Perry
Hank & Pat Kajetzke
Terry Gehman
Rick Ruth

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