

# You're Welcome...

**Pentecost 9: August 10, 2025**



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## Pentecost 9

9:00 AM



### Announcements

**Prelude:** *Aria*, Paul Manz

### 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:** #831 THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE (verses 1-4 only)

### 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. Almighty God,

**C. you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*(please be seated)*

## WORD

### The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively with lector)**

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God <sup>1</sup> is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to <sup>1</sup> be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks <sup>1</sup> down from heaven, and sees all <sup>1</sup> humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- <sup>1</sup> throned and watches all who dwell <sup>1</sup> on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions <sup>1</sup> all their hearts and observes <sup>1</sup> all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size <sup>1</sup> of the army, nor are warriors rescued by <sup>1</sup> their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain <sup>1</sup> hope for victory; despite its great strength it <sup>1</sup> cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their <sup>1</sup> lives from death, and to keep them alive in <sup>1</sup> time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD, our helper <sup>1</sup> and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoic- <sup>1</sup> es in you, for in your holy name we <sup>1</sup> put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> be upon us, even as we place our <sup>1</sup> hope in you.

### **The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## The Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:32-40

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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:** #802 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

## 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. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voices to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*(please kneel or sit)*

*(after each petition, please respond)*

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

P. Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C. Amen**

*(please stand)*

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

*(please be seated)*

**Offertory:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; arr. Pierce Dickens

*(please stand)*

**The Offertory:** *"As the Grains of Wheat"*

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The tempo/mood is indicated as 'Refrain' at the beginning and end. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

## 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.



**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**

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

*Congregation:*

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: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
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.)*

#436 WAKE, AWAKE FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

#818 O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH YOU

#764 HAVE NO FEAR LITTLE FLOCK

#618 GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER

*(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:** *Sound the Trumpets*, Donald Lee Moore

**OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

<p><b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b> 9:00 Ed Quirke</p> <p><b>LECTOR</b> 9:00 Judy Williams</p> <p><b>COUNCIL TEAM</b> 9:00 John Weiss, John Fuehrer</p> <p><b>USHERS</b> 9:00 Dave Bowers, Bob &amp; Ann Snader, Tom &amp; Kitty Dickersheid,</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES</b> 9:00 Lillian Doughty</p> <p><b>AV</b> Live Stream</p>	<p><b>ALTAR GUILD</b> 9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann &amp; Bob Snader</p> <p><b>Launder Linens:</b> Patricia Fassnacht</p> <p><b>Deliver Flowers:</b> Winnie Gerlach</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p><b>WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:</b></p> <hr/> <p>✠ In honor of the birth of our great grandson, Arlo J. Sanchez; by Bob &amp; Ann Snader.</p>
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## Prayers of the People

Kathryn Sweigart – 99 Bethany Rd. Skilled Care Rm. 116, 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

Barry Kreider – 17 Beech Ct. Ephrata, PA 17522

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 Spennath

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

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