You're Welcome...

Pentecost 9: August 10, 2025



Holy Trinity Staff

Pastor: Rev. Mark Luscombe
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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





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

¹After 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And 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)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

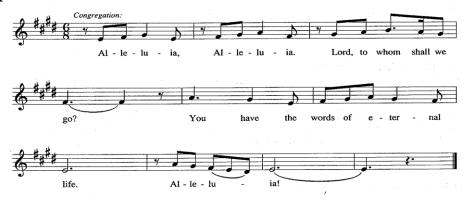
- ¹³The LORD looks | down from heaven, and sees all | humankind.
- ¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵God fashions | all their hearts and observes | all their deeds.
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army, nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹to deliver their | lives from death, and to keep them alive in | time of famine.
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD, our helper ¹ and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you, for in your holy name we | put our trust.
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

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

- ¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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.
- ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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." ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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)

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"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. ⁴⁰You 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)

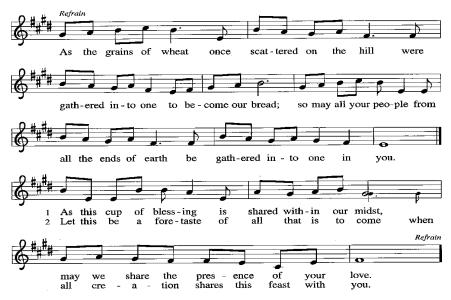
P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always! C. And also with you!

(please be seated)

Offertory: Great Is Thy Faithfulness; arr. Pierce Dickens

(please stand)

The Offertory: "As the Grains of Wheat"



The 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

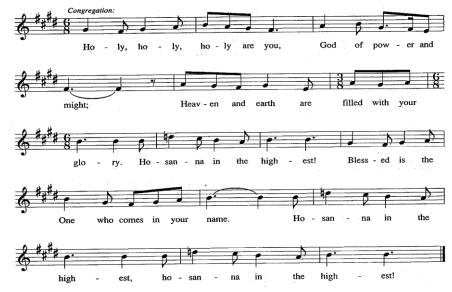
The Preface Dialogue

- 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

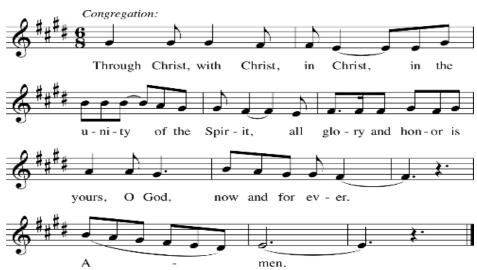
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.



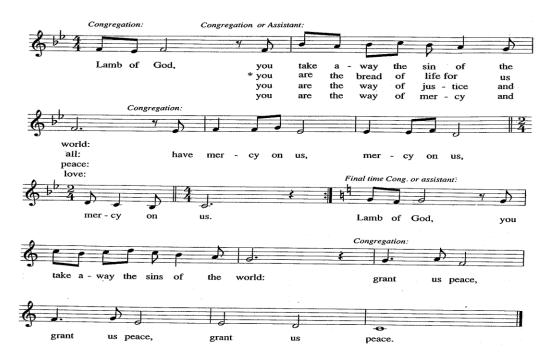
The Lord's Prayer

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.)

- #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

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Ed Quirke

LECTOR

9:00 Judy Williams

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 John Weiss, John Fuehrer

USHERS

9:00 Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader, Tom & Kitty Dickersheid,

ACOLYTES

9:00 Lillian Doughty

AV Live Stream

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Launder Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Deliver Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

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

♣ In honor of the birth of our great grandson, Arlo J. Sanchez; by Bob & Ann Snader.

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

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

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