

You're Welcome...

Pentecost 15: September 21, 2025



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Pentecost 15

9:00 AM



Announcements

Prelude: *At Summer's End*, George Blake

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

(Please kneel or sit)

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P. God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C. Amen

The Entrance Hymn: #655 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

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.

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty God,

C. your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 (sung responsively with cantor)

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants [|] of the LORD; praise the name [|] of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the [|] LORD be blessed, from this time forth for- [|] evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its [|] going down let the name of the [|] LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high a- [|] bove all nations, God's glory a- [|] bove the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the [|] LORD our God, who sits en- [|] throned on high,

⁶**but stoops [|] to behold the heavens [|] and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out [|] of the dust and lifts up the poor [|] from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them [|] with the rulers, with the rulers [|] of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a [|] childless house

to be a joyful mother of children. [|] Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all --this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was

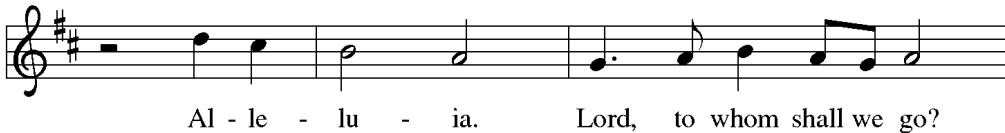
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for

a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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: #678 GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

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. Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

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

P. We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **C. Amen**

(please stand)

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

(please be seated)

Offertory: *There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy*, arr. Ovid Young

(please stand)

The Offertory: *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The Offertory Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

C. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

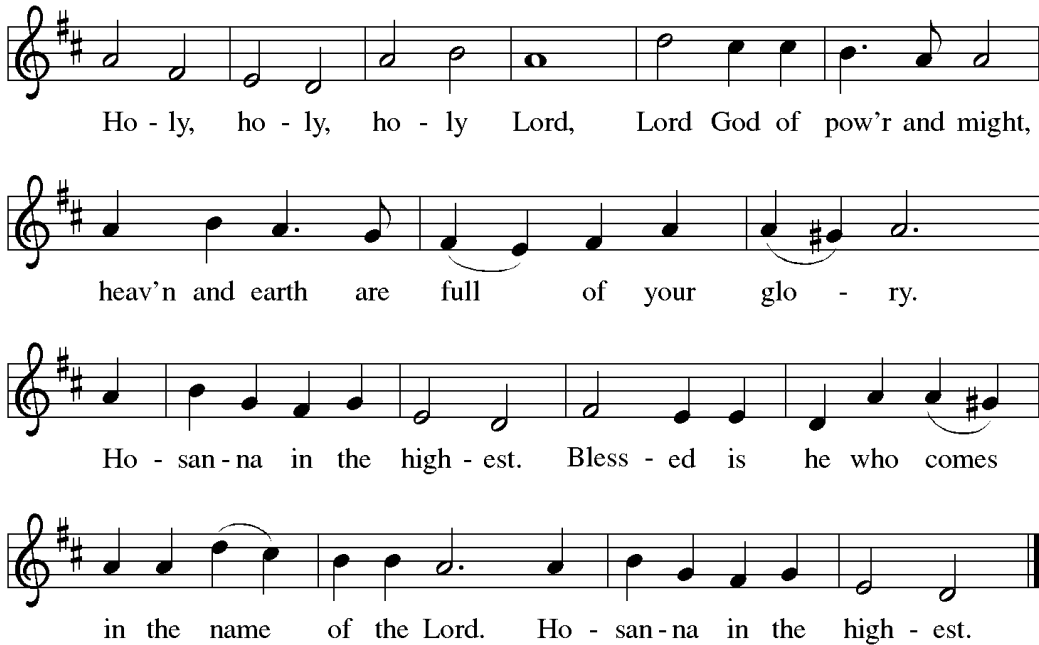
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests and ties.

Eucharistic Prayer

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.....Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C. Amen

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. Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

The Agnus Dei - LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; 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.)

#793 BE THOU MY VISION

#685 TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE

#686 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

#710 LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE

(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. Holy God,
C. you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Benediction

P. God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
C. Thanks be to God.

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

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

<p>ASSISTING MINISTERS 9:00 Kathy Kuhns</p> <p>LECTOR 9:00 John Fuehrer</p> <p>COUNCIL TEAM 9:00 Lisa Garrett, Barry Kreider</p> <p>USHERS 9:00 Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts, Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart</p> <p>ACOLYTES 9:00 Norm Wangman</p> <p>AV Rob Gilbert</p>	<p>ALTAR GUILD 9:00 Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart</p> <p>Launder Linens: Brenda Wangman</p> <p>Deliver Flowers: Heather Zimmerman</p> <hr/> <p>WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:</p> <hr/> <p>✠ The Altar Flowers are given to celebrate the heavenly birthdays of Terry’s dad, Richard Gehman and Joyce’s mother, Pearl Hornberger Hetrick on September 23rd; by Terry & Joyce Gehman.</p>
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Prayers of the People

Adam D'Andre – friend of Lori Spitzer's parents

Melissa Hughes

Ron Price

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

Shirley Reider – Ephrata Hospital

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

Darryll Kuhns – 58 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

Rick Woerner – 280 Boomerang Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

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

Scott Hambleton

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connely

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Alex Godum

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Grant Hummer

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

Jill Puleo

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