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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026 9:30 a.m.

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Welcome

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 3

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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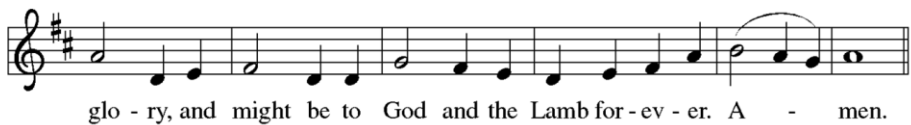
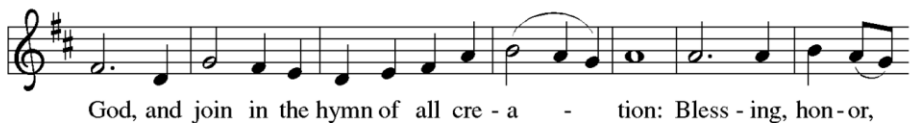
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



Prayer of the Day

P. With our siblings around the world, let us pray together:

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

- ⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
- ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
- ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**
- ¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

P. Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

ELW Setting 3

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: Pastor Wayne Shelor

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Day by Day

ELW 790

THE CREED

A. Together with our siblings around the globe let us confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS

A. To the petition "God of grace, " please respond "Hear our prayer."

GREETING OF THE PEACE

A. The peace of Christ is with you always. **C. And also with you.**
Please share this peace with one another.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.*

Music at the Offering: "Prayer" (Suite Gothique) Leon Boellmann/D. Wells

OFFERTORY

Please Stand

ELW Setting 3



OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

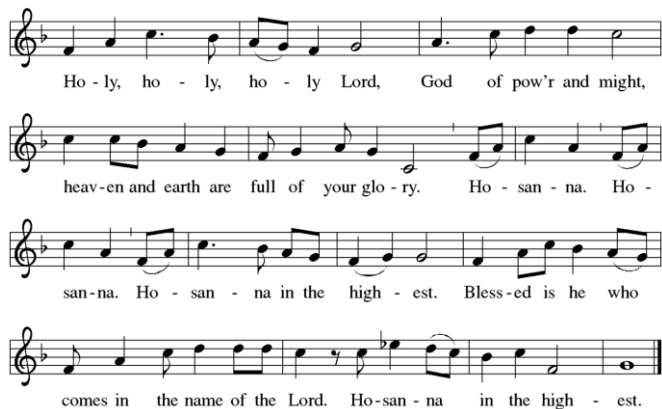
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P. Loving God, we join you at this table trusting in your abundant mercy. Grant that we, here in this room or in distant places, may know the peace and joy of your ever-abiding presence. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

We gather together at the Lord's table, where our Lord welcomes all. If you have received communion anywhere before, you are welcome at this table, please come! At the usher's direction, come forward to the chancel (filling in from your left) to receive the bread (gluten free is available) from the Pastor. The Assisting Minister will then offer you a cup from the tray (red is wine, white is grape juice). A second helper has a basket for your empty cup, then return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. **C. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you his peace. In
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal !

ELW 805

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata on “Hymn to Joy”

Grimoaldo Macchia

Serving today: Thank you !

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Wayne Shelor

Assisting Minister: Kathy Stawasz

Lector: Beth Krout

Minister of Music: Tedd Didden

Ushers: Jeff Krout and Kay Stone

Altar Guild: June Detweiler

Altar Flower Prep: Kathy Stawasz

Coffee Hour: Bev Smith

Council Offering & Lockup: Wendy Walter

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Upcoming Event:

August 16th
“Breakfast Church”
9:30 am at Grace



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You're Invited
To Join Us In

A BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

For

Kitty Heckler

ON HER 85TH BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 17, 2026

Please Mail Birthday Cards to:

Mrs. Kitty Heckler
Abbeyville Rehab & Nursing Home
100 Abbeyville Rd., Rm. 20-B
Lancaster, PA 17603

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needed.

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