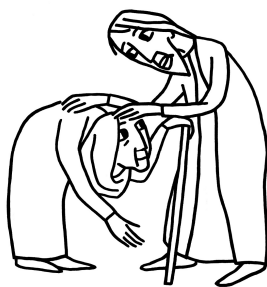


**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
August 24, 2025**



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Vertrau Auf Gott!
[Trust in God]
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A Hymn in Procession – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”





1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. 'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,




He whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for His own a - bode.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Fad - ing is the world - ling's pleas - ure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which He gives them on their way.
sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.



The Invocation

Celebrant In the Name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

The Prayer of Invocation

The Celebrant continues

Send forth, O God, your good grace, and sanctify our souls, bodies, and spirits; turn our thoughts to holiness, so that with pure conscience we may offer to you the sacrifice of praise; through the mercy and compassion of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Celebrant and People together

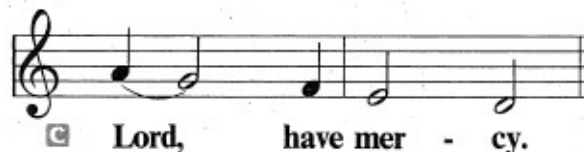
Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant declares the Absolution.

The Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie Eleison – “Lord, have mercy”

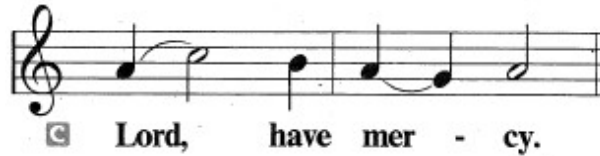
Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*Response: And also with you.*)

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
People



Celebrant For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

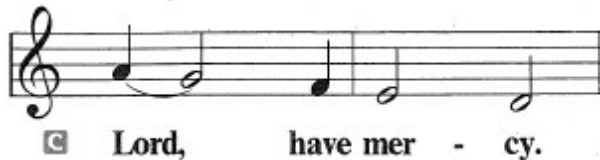
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Celebrant

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Celebrant

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People



Celebrant

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People



The Canticle – *This is the Feast*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading of Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8 *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the Lord, | O my | soul, *
and all that is within me, | bless his | holy |
Name.

2 Bless the Lord, | O my | soul, *
and for- | get not | all his | benefits.



- 3 He forgives | all your | sins *
and | heals | all your in- | firmities;
- 4 **He redeems your | life from the | grave ***
and crowns you with | mer-cy and | loving- | kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you | with good | things, *
and your youth is re- | newed | like an | eagle's.
- 6 **The Lord executes | righteous- | ness ***
and judgment for | all who | are op- | pressed.
- 7 He made his ways | known to | Moses *
and his works to the | children | of | Israel.
- 8 **The Lord is full of com- | pas-sion and | mercy, ***
slow to anger | and of | great | kindness.

A Reading of Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia and Verse

The Celebrant and People

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

A Reading of the Gospel according to Luke 13:10-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Jonathon Moyers, S.T.M.

A Hymn- "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Hymnal # 617

The Apostles' Creed

The Celebrant and People together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 of Intercession

After each petition, (Hear us, O God) the congregation responds: Your mercy is great.

The Sharing of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Altar

The Offertory Hymn *"Now We Join in Celebration"*

Hymnal #462

The Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and People together

C 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 Celebrant continues

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: 'Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, that we may receive the true body and precious blood of your Son.

Fill us with your ✠ Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, _____, and all the saints, we may praise and glorify you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Celebrant and People together

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.

The Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”



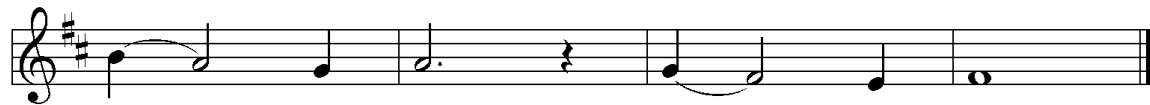
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Distribution of Holy Communion

In the Evangelical-Lutheran tradition, we invite all baptized persons to receive Holy Communion at the altar. We believe that in the Blessed Sacrament we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the usher and return by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the Celebrant will bring Holy Communion to you.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant

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

The Final Hymn – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymnal #632

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

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Serving this Week

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector: Stevi Saathoff

Communion Assistant: Couper Barletta

Acolyte: Couper Barletta

Serving Next Week

Ushers & Tellers: Alfred and Stevi Saathoff Lector: Joshua Lewis

Communion Assistant: Bobbie Leaverton Acolyte: Ella Barletta Crucifer: Joshua Lewis

Altar flowers are placed in memory of Bill Davis by the Davis Family.

Rally Day/God's Work Our Hands/First Day of Sunday School: Sunday, September 7

We will have 2 projects this year

1. Sponsor a clear backpack for \$25 (Dorchester County). We also need #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga), crayons and facial tissues.
2. Bottled water, Gatorade, Protein bars to be distributed to the Cordova and Preston Fire Depts.

Please bring all supplies to the Talbot Ag Center on 9/7/25

Oktoberfest: Saturday, October 4

Tickets are for sale, contact Fred Meers or the church office for more information.