



pentecost 18 September 22, 2024

prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

People of God, gather together,
come, let us sing on this glorious day.
Shouting abroad praise to the maker
come and with body and soul let us pray.

Refrain:

Come let us join in the heavenly dance,
praising in joyous celebration.

Hearing God's word, heeding the message,
come and rejoice as we answer the call.
With one accord made in God's image,
come in community welcoming all.

Refrain

Bearing your gifts, enter God's presence;
come let us share in the heavenly feast.
Mending all rifts, healing divisions,
come and from sorrows and hurts be released.

Refrain

Women and men, harmony blending
come, swell the chorus in loving accord.
Raising again thanks never ending
come to the God who is Wisdom and Word.

Refrain

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.

A: This is the day that Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of
the Lord is to be praised.**

*P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the
Most High.*

**C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his
faithfulness at the close of the day.**

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 3

Refrain S 140

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

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

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.

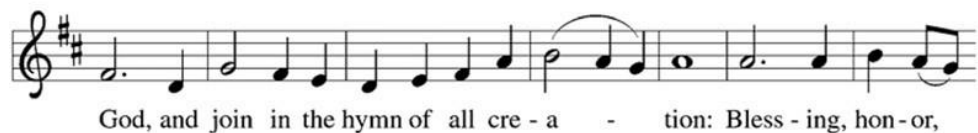


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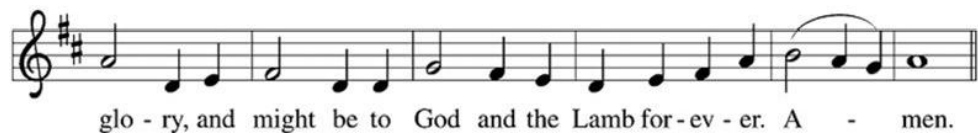
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C Holy God, You guide us in the way of wisdom and life.

Do not let us be misguided and deceived by other teachings or our own designs which tempt us to hopeless and self-centered perspectives. Keep us in the peace and promise of your enlightenment. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Solomon 1:16 - 2:22

But ungodly men by their words and deeds summoned Death; considering him a friend, they pined away, and they made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his party. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a person comes to their end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. "

Because we were born by mere chance, and hereafter we shall be as though we had never been; because the breath in our nostrils is smoke, and reason is a spark kindled by the beating of our hearts. When it is extinguished, the body will turn to ashes, and the spirit will dissolve like empty air. Our name will be forgotten in time and no one will remember our works; our life will pass away like the traces of a cloud and be scattered like mist that is chased by the rays of the sun and overcome by its heat. For our allotted time is the passing of a shadow, and there is no return from our death, because it is sealed up and no one turns back."

"Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that exist, and make use of the creation to the full as in youth. Let us take our fill of costly wine and perfumes and let no flower of spring pass by us. Let us crown ourselves with rosebuds before they wither. Let none of us fail to share in our revelry, everywhere let us leave signs of enjoyment, because this is our portion, and this our lot. Let us oppress the righteous poor man; let us not spare the widow nor regard the gray hairs of the aged. But let our might be our law of right, for what is weak proves itself to be useless. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and

opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's son, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, and they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hope for the wages of holiness, nor discern the prize for blameless souls; for God created man from the incorruptible, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy Death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

psalm

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God is my help-er; it is the LORD who sus-tains my life.
*Save me, O God, b̄y your name,
 and vindicate me b̄y your might.*

**Hear my p̄ayer, O God;
 give ear to the words of my mouth. R**

*For the insolent have risen against me,
 the ruthless seek my life;*

they do not set God before them.

**But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

*He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.*

**With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

*For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies. R*

Second Lesson

James 3 & 4

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Where do the battles and where do the fights among you come from? Do they not come from your pleasures that are warring within your members? You desire and do not have; so you murder and lust for and do not have the power to obtain. You fight and battle. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask badly, in order that you may spend freely on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says,

"The spirit God caused to live within us has an envious yearning?"

But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

*"God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble."* [Proverbs 3:34]

Submit yourselves, therefore, to God, but set yourself against the devil and *the devil* will flee from you. Draw near to God, and *God* will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So, who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money."

Yet, you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that."

As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 9

And coming out of the region of *Caesarea Philippi*, the northernmost city of the Promised Land of God's people, Jesus and the Disciples turned south and passed through Galilee.

Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, and said to them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and having been killed, after three days he will rise."

But they did not understand The Word and were afraid to question him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What *pointless and misguided conversation* were you having in The Way?"

But they were silent, for in The Way their *pointless and misguided*

conversation with one another was about who is greatest among them.

And having sat down, Jesus called the twelve, and said to them, "If someone wishes now to be first, they will be last of all and servant of all."

And having picked up a child, Jesus stood the child in the middle of them.

And taking the child in his arms, Jesus said to the disciples, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

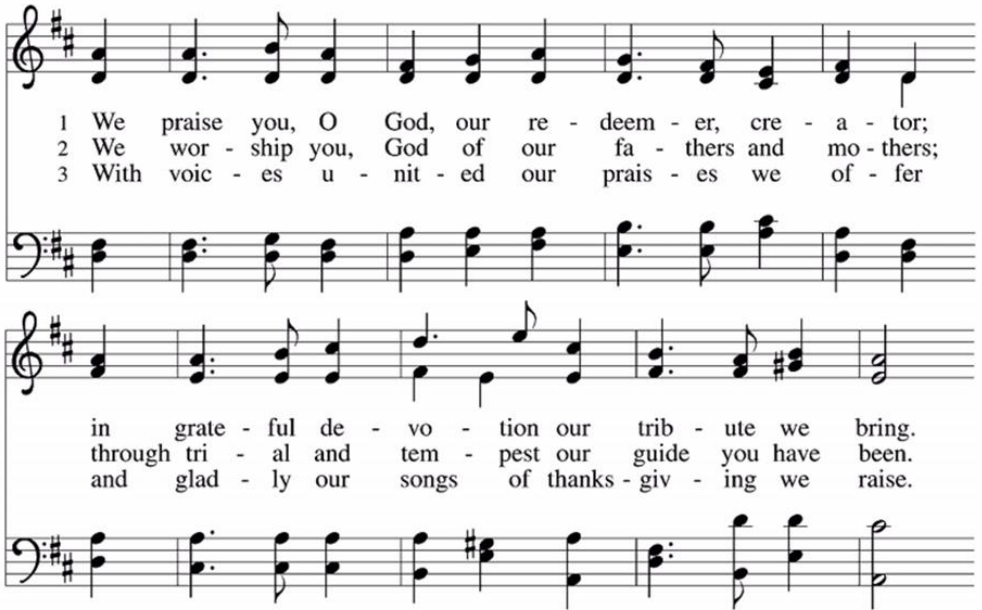
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.

Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offering

870 vs. 1 & 3



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

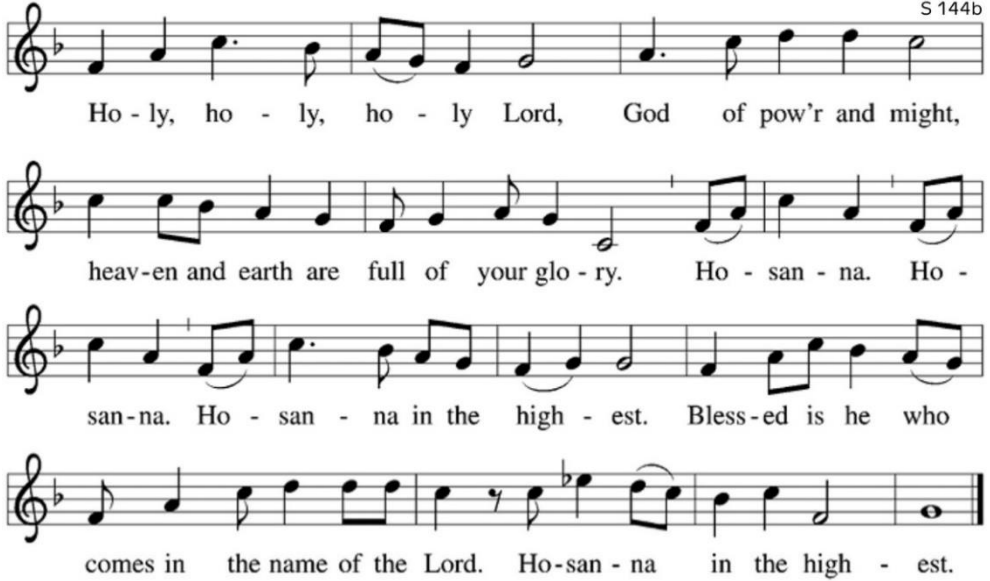
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 lord's prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION hymns

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Refrain
You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Post Communion Prayer Benediction

Recessional *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

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1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 now; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Postlude & Dismissal



Sunday, September 22

Winter Coat Drive

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation

Student Group Meeting in

Pastor's office

12:30 p.m. Oktoberfest

Potluck Luncheon

Monday, September 23

7:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online only

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Sunday, September 29

Winter Coat Drive

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting in Pastor's office