

You're Welcome...

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9:00 AM



Announcements

Prelude: Handbell Choir: *Barcarolle*, Jacques Offenbach

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: #669 RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD

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. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people,

C. you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (sung responsively with cantor)

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD, the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches | over you; the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day, nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil and will | keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is

useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.


^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



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

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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: #717 LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS

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. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

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

P. We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen**

(please stand)

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

(please be seated)

Offertory: Celebration Choir: *Give Me Jesus*, arr. Robert Lau

(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.**

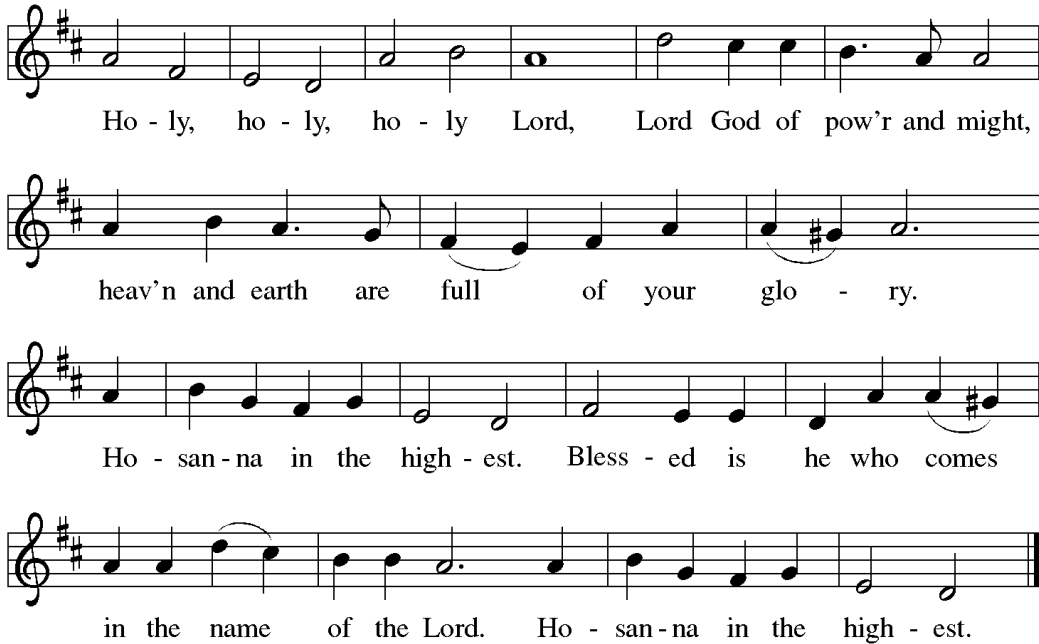
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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.)

#517 LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

#790 DAY BY DAY

#769 IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU

#624 JESUS STILL LEAD ON

(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: *Praise to the Lord*, arr. Terry Kirkland

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

<p>ASSISTING MINISTERS 9:00 Kathy Kuhns</p> <p>LECTOR 9:00 Lori Spitzer</p> <p>COUNCIL TEAM 9:00 Bill Spitzer, John Fuehrer</p> <p>USHERS 9:00 Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker</p> <p>ACOLYTES 9:00 Norm Wangman</p> <p>AV Rob Gilbert</p>	<p>ALTAR GUILD 9:00 Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett, Charlann Brubaker</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>✠ In memory of Diane Jean Doughty; by her mother Phyllis A. Doughty.</p>
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Prayers of the People

Sue Gilbert – Rob Gilbert's mom

Devon Collins – Lisa Garrett's cousin's son

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 Spennath
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 Connelly
Sue & Denis Rowe
Crystal Perry
Hank & Pat Kajetzke
Terry Gehman
Jill Puleo

Brent Stever
Alan & family
Dori Hoch
Cindy Stahl
Grant Hummer
Martha Becker
Chris and Karen Payonk
Alysha Fassnacht
Alex Godum

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