

You're Welcome...

Pentecost 23: November 16, 2025



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Pentecost 23

9:00 AM



Announcements

Prelude: *Ein Feste Burg*, arr. James Mansfield

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: #796 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you,

C. without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Temple Talk: Christopher Burchett, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (sung responsively with the cantor)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**²O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity.

The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do

not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21:5-19

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by

relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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: #597 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

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. Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. Hear us, O God. **C. Your mercy is great.**

P. We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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: *Thanks Be To Thee*, George Frideric Handel

(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. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

C. you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen

The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

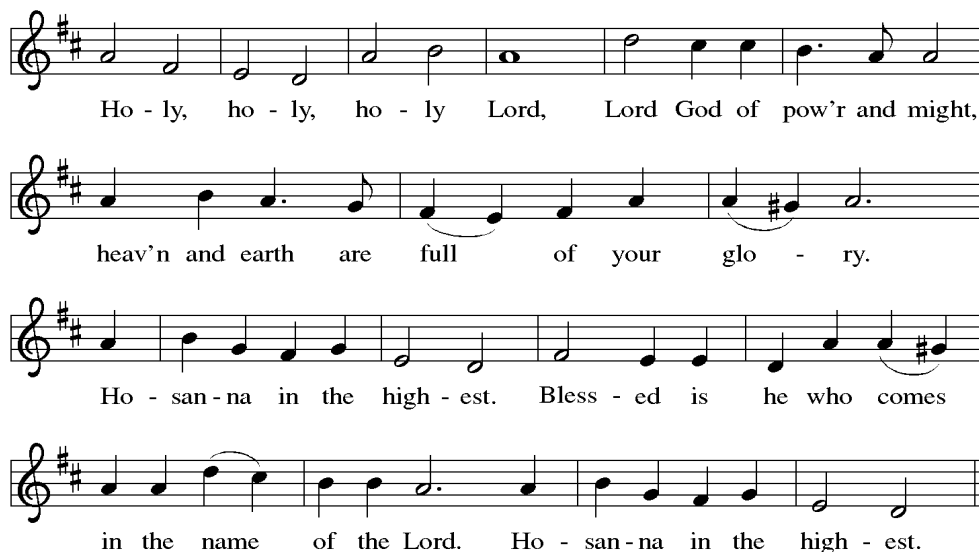
P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface for Time after Pentecost

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....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, holy and mighty, holy and immortal;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. When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

C. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Agnes 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 at the conclusion of this hymn.]

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.)

#785 WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

#632 O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

#484 YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

#241 O LORD HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

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. Faithful God,

C. **you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

The Benediction

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *How Firm a Foundation*, arr. Mark Hayes

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS 9:00 Kathy Kuhns LECTOR 9:00 Mike Sernoffsky COUNCIL TEAM 9:00 Lisa Garrett, John Weiss ACOLYTES 9:00 Dylan Lynn AV John Fuehrer	ALTAR GUILD 9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader USHERS 9:00 Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts, Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart Launder Linens: Brenda Wangman Deliver Flowers: Heather Zimmerman WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY: ✠ To the glory of God.
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Prayers of the People

Michael Williams – Neffsville Nursing and Rehab, 2829 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, 17601

Cheryl Plummer – skilled care at Luther Acres

The family of Bonnie Eberly

Sue Gilbert – Rob Gilbert’s mom

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

Melissa Hughes

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

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 Connolly

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

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Amy Pasili

Theresa Cimino

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Devin Collins

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