

Pentecost 8
August 2-3, 2025

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND **PASSING OF PEACE**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lead Me, Lord”

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “We Gather Together”

**1 We gather together
To ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
Now cease_ from distressing
Sing praises to His name_
He forgets not His own**

**3 We all do extol Thee,
Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation
escape_ tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised_!
O Lord, make us free!**

GREETING

**P From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who
brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the
Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with
you all.**

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

**C Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal
of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject
what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in
your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy; have mercy. O Lord**

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Colossians 3:1–11

The lesson begins: ¹

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

P The Word of the Lord.

c Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al-le-luia. You have_ the words of_ eternal life.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

P **The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.**

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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SERMON

ANTHEM

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APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another. *A brief silence.*

A Almighty God, you bless us greatly, even when we think we have little! You give us life and breath. Each new day gives us a chance to repent, forgive, and share Jesus' love. Help us to thank you for these things, to enjoy them rightly; and to share them generously. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A Clothe your Church with Christ. Put away from it all evil desires, words, and deeds. Fill it with your Spirit, so it abounds in every good gift, overflows with Jesus' life, and leads many to faith in him. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A Fill the people of this congregation with wisdom and humility. Remind us that everything is done for you, not for ourselves, and that we must one day render an account of our stewardship of your blessings. Make us faithful, generous, and holy. Use us to draw many people into your fatherly embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A We pray for your blessing upon our nation – and for all nations. Guide our leaders with your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might. Remind them that they are to be faithful and honest stewards of the power and authority entrusted to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A Lord, lead us on the hard path of discipleship. Teach us virtues that are often unpopular: responsibility, accountability, and self-sacrifice, grounded in faith toward you and fervent love for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A We lift before you the suffering and sorrow of your people, including: {List}. Anoint them with the oil of gladness. Heal wounds to body, mind, and soul. Grant that, with those who love them, they may enter your gates with thanksgiving and go into your courts with praise. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

P Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the power of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And_ fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams_ of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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 him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and

all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy, ho - ly, holy Lord_, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth_ are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in_ the highest.

Blessed_ is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in_ the highest_, hosanna in_ the highest.

**P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

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

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and

glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P As a community, let us say 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; 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 The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

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THE BLESSING

P Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING: "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"

- 1 In_ Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south_ or_ north,
but_ one community of love
through - out_ the whole_ wide earth.**

- 2 In_ Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high commun - ion_ find;
his_ service is the golden cord
close_ bind - ing hu-mankind.**

- 4 In_ Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south_ and_ north;
all_ Christly souls are one in him
through - out_ the whole_ wide earth.**

DISMISSAL

- P Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,**
C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE