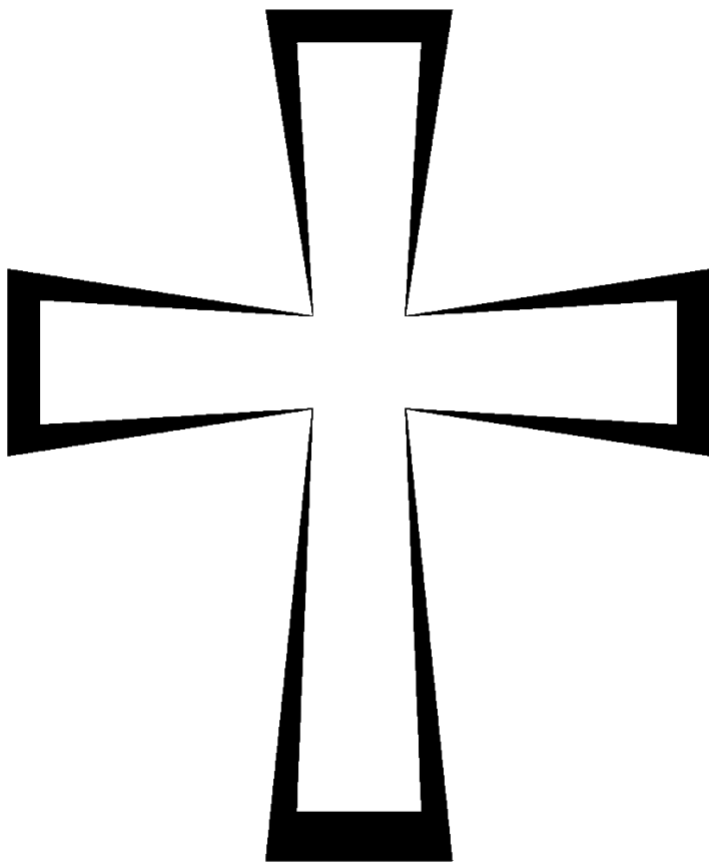




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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN (TIMELINE)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory p104(G) vs 1-4

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW 77

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Moment for reflection]

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in

**your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

KYRIE LBW 78-79 (music cue on each slide)



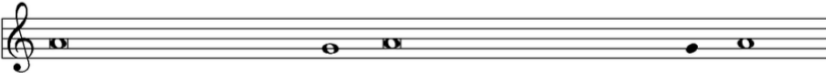
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



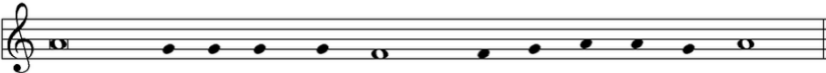
Ⓐ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



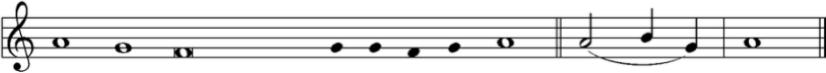
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra- cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 81

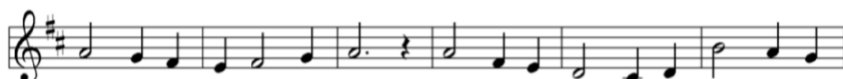
This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

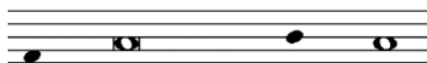


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: The First Lesson is from the 15th chapter of Jeremiah.

15 O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is
worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 26

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.**

3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**4 I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

5 I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.

**6 I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O Lord,**

7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**8 O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

**10 those in whose hands are evil devices
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me and be gracious to me.

**12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless
the Lord.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-21

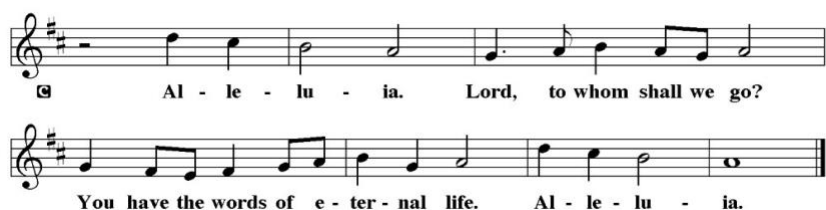
L: The Second Lesson is from the 12th chapter of Romans.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says

the Lord.” 20 Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPELLA)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.



21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their

cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Get Behind Me, Satan!"

HYMN AFTER SERMON (VIDEO)

Mighty to Save

NICENE CREED LBW 84

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and
the life of the world to come Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LBW 85

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (VIDEO)

We Give Thee But Thine Own

OFFERING PRAYER LBW 87

C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts be joined with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope and healing to your people. Amen.

DIALOGUE LBW 88 (ACAPPELLA)

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two parts: a soprano part (S) and an alto part (A). The second staff has two parts: a tenor part (T) and a bass part (B). The third and fourth staves each have a single part, likely for a soloist or a group.

S: The Lord be with you. A: And al - so with you.

T: Lift up your hearts. B: We lift them to the Lord.

S: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE LBW 88

L: 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER LBW 91

**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

(The wine is red, and the grape juice is white)

COMMUNION

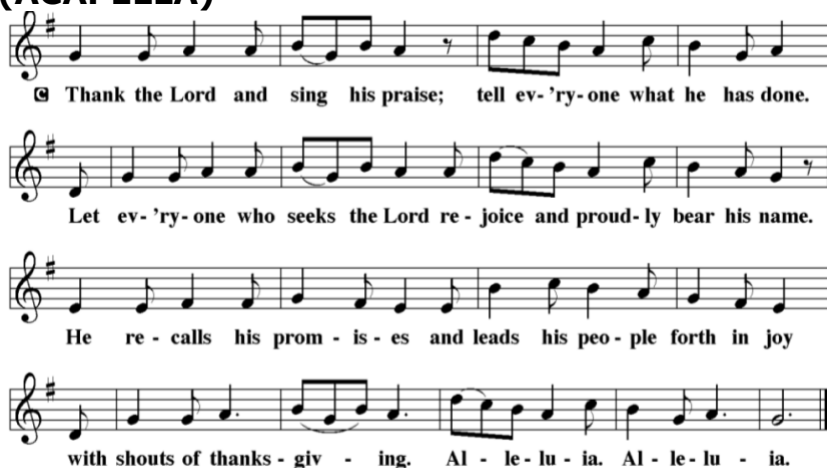
SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus (VIDEO)

At the Cross (VIDEO)

What A Beautiful Name It Is (VIDEO)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE LBW 92 (ACAPELLA)



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION PRAYER LBW 94

L: We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

BENEDICTION LBW 95

L: 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.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Lift High the Cross p377(G) vs 1& 4

***Fade out after verse 4*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sound cue is on the slide

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry items needed: cereal, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, soups, toilet paper and any other food you would like to supply. We praise God for His generosity!

TODAY!

Watermelon Feed!

Sunday School and Youth Fall Kickoff after Service.

Theme: "Jesus Thinks You Are One in a Melon!"

Psalm 139:14

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sept. 1 @ 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

@ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Romans. Text Pastor Ann if you would like to Zoom In and Join us!

Sept. 2 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 10:30 AM Sunporch Holy Communion Service

Sept. 3 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Sunday, Sept. 6

Scriptures for 15th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 32:1-8

2nd Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

Sermon Title: "Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom?"

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