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8th 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

All Creatures of Our God and King p.527(G)

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 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)



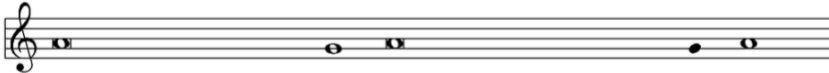
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



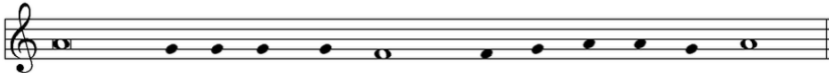
Ⓐ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ 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.



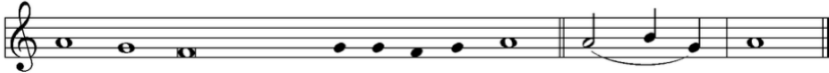
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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

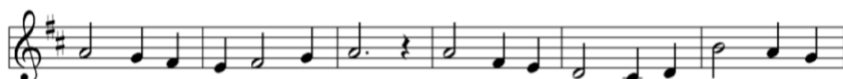
This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)



Ⓐ 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.

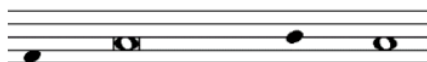


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

L: The First Lesson is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,

and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

8 Do not fear or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 119:57-64

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

57 The Lord is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

**58 I implore your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**

59 When I think of your ways,
I turn my feet to your decrees;

**60 I hurry and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**

61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.

**62 At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous ordinances.**

63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

**64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast
love;
teach me your statutes.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

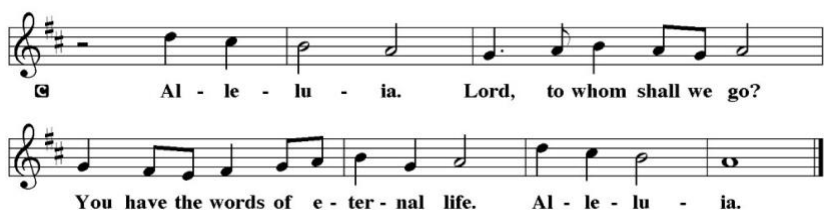
Ephesians 4:1-6

L: The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Ephesians.

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: 4 there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPELLA)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the

field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Weeds in the Wheat!"

HYMN AFTER SERMON

Thrive (VIDEO)

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

Offering (VIDEO)

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 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 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

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees (TIMELINE)

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table (TIMELINE)

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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest p.412(G) (TIMELINE)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest (QUIETLY)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

July 21 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Romans

July 22-- @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

July 23 - @ 8:00 AM Leaving for Butler, IA

Love Packages Mission Trip - Keep us in your prayers!

@ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

July 25 - Return from Mission Trip

Today after our Service, you are invited to attend the Fair Service, or join the community for lunch

afterwards. Theme: "Growing Together, Rooted in Community"

Future Date: Sunday, August 8th - Walk His Way
Free outdoor Christian Concert at Joy Field featuring
Cody Jarvis, Peter Burton and Cochren & Co. Begins
at 6:30 PM

Update: We have little watermelons!

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!

Scriptures for 9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalms 125

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Sermon Title: "The Value of a Treasure"

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