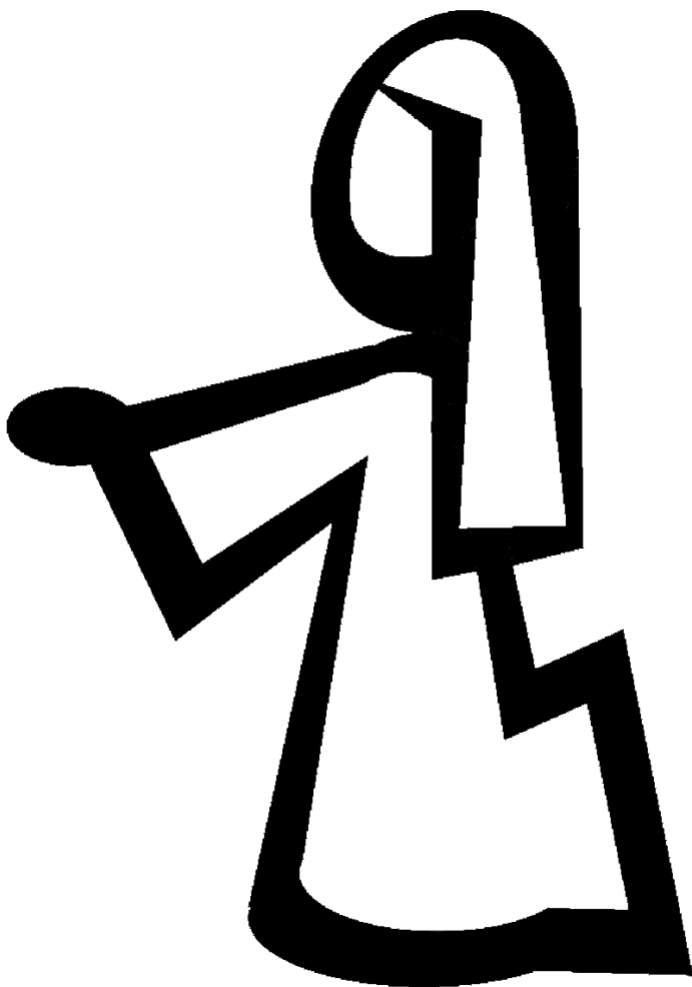




August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

God Whose Almighty Word p400(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 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.

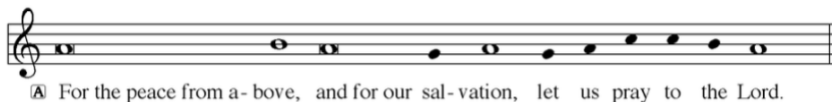
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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



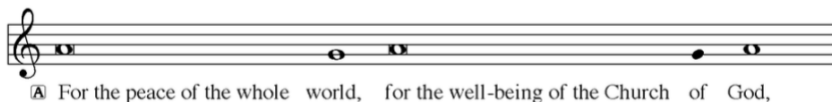
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



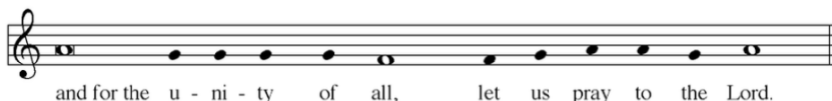
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



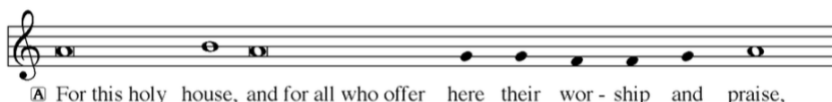
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



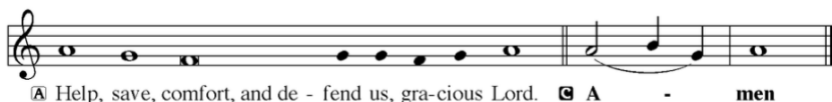
☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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.



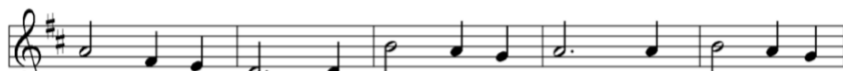
Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. ☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 81

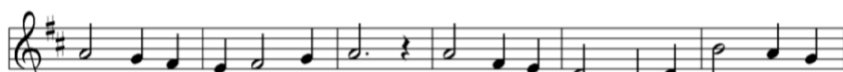
This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)



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



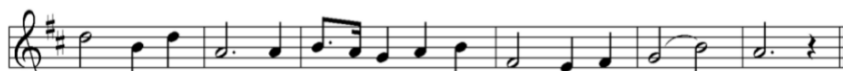
Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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



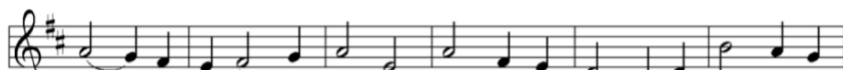
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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.

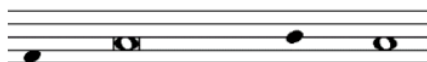


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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: Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, 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

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

L: The First Lesson is from the 56th chapter of Isaiah.
Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed. 6 And the
foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 67

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

**2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

L: The Second Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Romans.

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

13 Now I am speaking to you gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry 14 in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 28 As regards the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but as

regards election they are beloved for the sake of their ancestors, 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPPELLA)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.



21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she

came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Backpack Blessing (5 slides)

SERMON

"Crumbs from the Table"

HYMN AFTER SERMON (TIMELINE)

Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing p559(G)

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 LBW 86

Let The Vinyards (ACAPELLA)

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 (ACAPELLA)

The musical notation for Dialogue LBW 88 (ACAPELLA) is presented in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for acapella singing. Each staff begins with a square symbol indicating the start of a new line of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold to indicate emphasis or specific phrasing. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines to structure the dialogue.

♩ 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

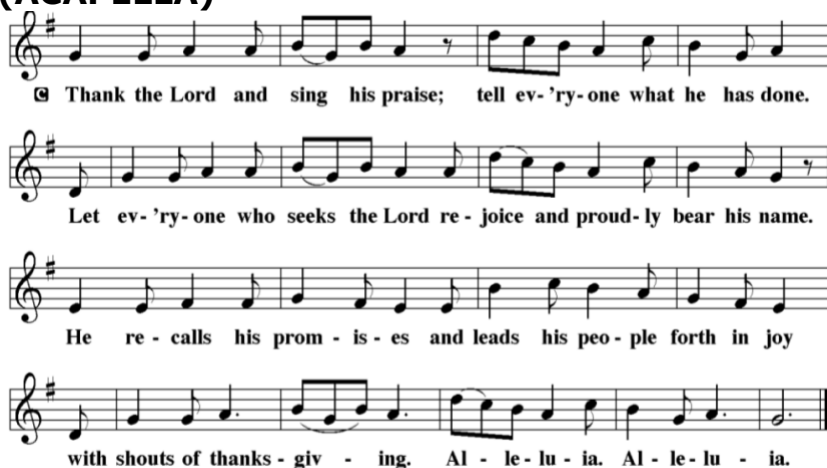
SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Cornerstone (VIDEO)

Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here (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

Go My Children With My Blessing (VIDEO)

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!

Please sign up to bring ice cream for the Ice Cream social if interested! Lots of fun to be had with outside games!

Please support our special offering for Back to School Playground Equipment August 16th and 23rd! (Also during Ice Cream Social)

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Aug.18 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Romans

@ 8:00 PM - Council Meeting

Aug.12 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

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

Aug.13 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Sunday, August 23rd - Right Now Media Kickoff Demonstration during Coffee Hour

@ 6:30 PM Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 30th - Sunday School and Youth Fall Kickoff after Service.

Watermelon Feed Is Getting Closer and Closer!

Please check your contact information TODAY on the clipboard on the kitchen counter for future directory and Right Now Media. Please add updates.

The family of Lovelle Kirchhoff would like to have you help us celebrate his 95th birthday on August 17th. Lets' shower him with love and warm wishes.

Send cards to: Lovelle Kirchhoff
517 N Monroe St
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Smith Center Ks 66967

Scriptures for 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Aug. 23rd

1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Title: "Keys OF the Kingdom"

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