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4th 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

God of Our Fathers vs 1&4 p.567(G)(TIMELINE)

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.

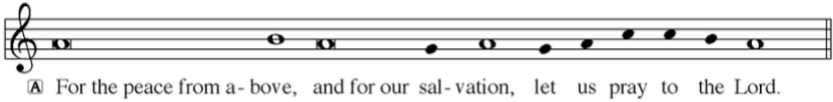
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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



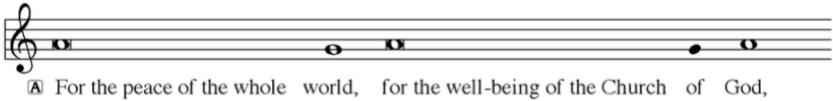
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



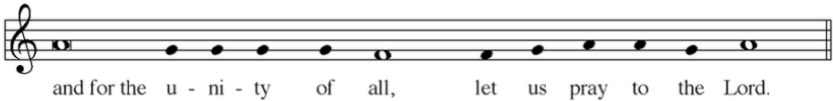
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



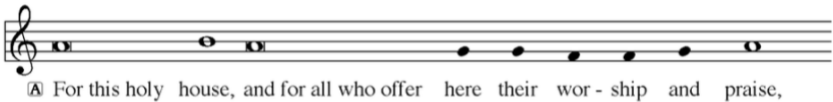
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



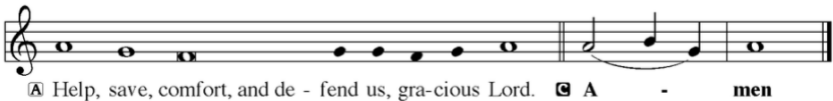
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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.



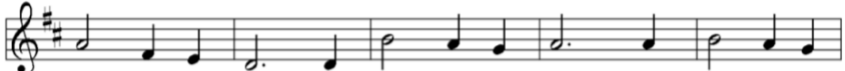
Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 81

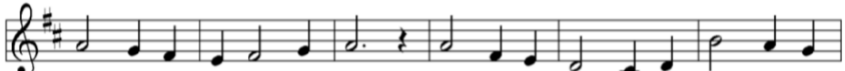
This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)



Ⓐ 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



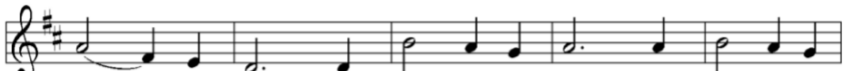
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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.

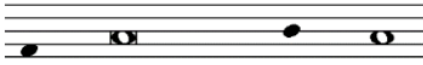


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

L: The First Lesson is from the 20th chapter of Jeremiah.

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

9 If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

10 For I hear many whispering:

“Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him

and take our revenge on him.”

11 But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor

will never be forgotten.

12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;

you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

13 Sing to the Lord;

praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy

from the hands of evildoers.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 91:1-10

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;

my God, in whom I trust.”

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter

and from the deadly pestilence;

4 he will cover you with his pinions,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day

**6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

**8 You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

**10 no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:12-23

L: The Second Lesson is from the 6th chapter of Romans.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become

enslaved to righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPELLA)

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

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 21 Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON SONG

A Lil Church (VIDEO)

SERMON

"Good, Good Father"

SONGS/SLIDES DURING SERMON

Noah:

This Is My Father's World vs 1&3 p.554(G)
(TIMELINE)

Jethro:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation vs 1&4 p.543(G) (TIMELINE)

Joseph:

Children of the Heavenly Father vs 1&4 p.474(G)
(TIMELINE)

Prodigal Son:

Run to the Father (VIDEO fade out at 2:27)

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

Let the Vinyards be Fruitful (TIMELINE)

OFFERING PRAYER LBW 87

C: Creator God, your Spirit surrounds and sustains us. As we offer these gifts, stir our quiet faith into confident witness. Replace our hesitant whispers with the courage to speak your truth. Shape our giving into acts of praise. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

IALOGUE LBW 88 (ACAPELLA)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' time signature, followed by a 'C' time signature. The second staff begins with a 'P' time signature, followed by a 'C' time signature. The third staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' time signature. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for acappella singing.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

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:

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.

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

He Is (VIDEO)

Good Good Father (VIDEO)

Just As I am (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

How Great Thou Art vs 1-4 p.532(G)(TIMELINE)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three in one.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art (QUIETLY, music cue is on slide)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: Services at Sunporch (2:30 pm) and SCHR (3:15)

June 23 @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study

June 24 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

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

@ Noon Bulletin and Messenger Information Deadline

June 25 - @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

FUTURE EVENTS: Help us Celebrate!

July 5 - Patriotic Hymn Sing

July 17-18 - Heartland LCMC District Gathering

Sign up to attend! St. John will pay for your registration!

Registration forms are on the Bulletin Board

July 19 - Fair Service - 11:00 AM - SCMA sponsored.

July 23-25 - Love Packages Road Trip! Let's Go on Mission! Youth and Adults Welcome

Youth Watermelon Feed Update: Plants are growing among the deertracks and replanting was needed in some places.

Decorations were removed from the cemetery for mowing. If you did not get your decoration, you are welcome to find it in the church garage. Thank you.

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 5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 119:153-160

2nd Reading: Romans 7:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon Title: "The Cost of Discipleship"

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