





# The Season After Pentecost

August 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.

## Gathering Song

### "How Firm a Foundation"



- 1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
- 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
- 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

Leader



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

All



To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

## Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth.

**Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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## Children's Time

### Alleluia Verse

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

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## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Song:** "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

### **Chorus**

***Blessed be the name of the Lord***

***Blessed be Your name***

***Blessed be the name of the Lord***

***Blessed be Your glorious name***

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

### **Chorus**

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name.

### **Chorus**



## **Apostles' Creed**

**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**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

*MEAL*

## **Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion**



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## **Offering Prayer**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

## Blessing at the Table

### Lord's Prayer

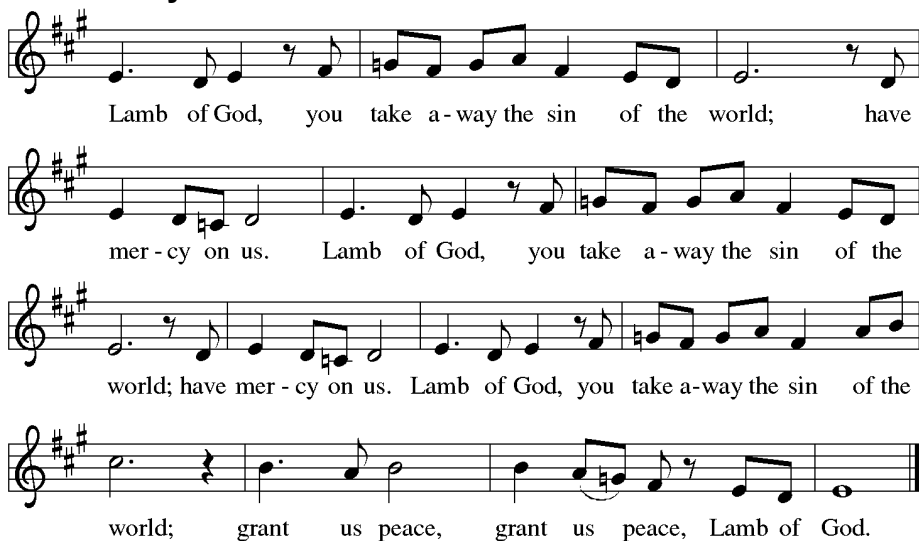
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

## Distribution of Holy Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## Hymn:

## "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain. Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

### ***Chorus***

***Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You***

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King ***Chorus***

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah ***Chorus 3X***

## ***SENDING***

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in God's grace.

**Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your  
grace.

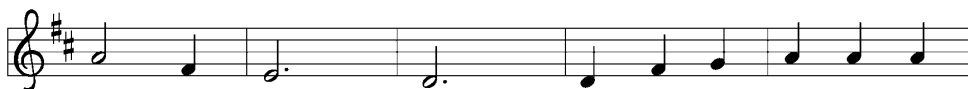
**Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and  
proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

## Sending Song: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

**We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.**

Together

**We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Flu Shot Clinic**

The Good Shepherd Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Sunday, October 12th from 8am to 11am. Nancy Woods will be signing people up before or after the service starting on Sunday, August 31st.

## **Blessing Box**

We are running low on: soup, peanut butter, beans, rice, pasta/sauce, crackers, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, deodorant, tooth care, dish soap.

## **August Mission of the Month**

Joan Nicole Prince Home: provides 24-hour bedside care in Scotia for two terminally ill patients in a homelike environment.

**Support our youth!** Place your bottles and cans in the bins at the south end of the church (by the kitchen) or bring them directly to Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd, Glenville and let them know you are donating for the Good Shepherd Youth.

Volunteers are needed for **Communion Assistants as well as Outdoor Service Set-Up**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the north end, outside of the sanctuary or email the office at [gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gsglenvilleoffice@gmail.com)

Our next **Contemplative Prayer Group** will be meeting on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Everyone is welcome! Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.

## **The Hand-Held Prayer Quilt Ministry**

Our next meeting will be held on September 6th at 10:30 - 2:00. All are invited to attend and help us make these sought after little prayer quilts. There are many jobs to help with other than sewing! Hope to see you there!

## Looking forward to Sunday School?

Join us for field day games after service on September 7th.

Teachers and teachers' aides are needed, please contact Jen Langlais (specialdtchr1996@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Classes begin September 14th.



## Youth Group – End of Summer Pool Party

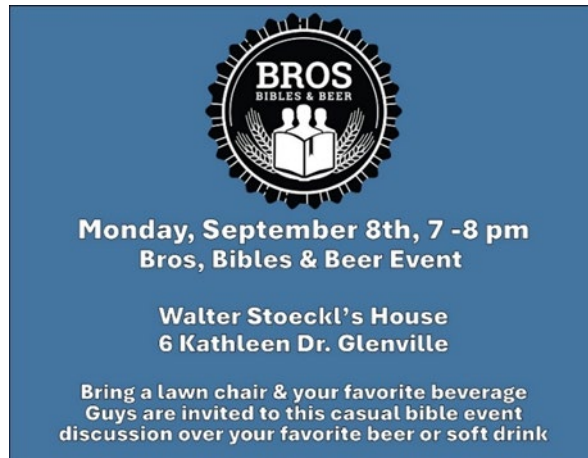
August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30PM

Hosted by The Ference Family

18 Edgewood Drive, Burnt Hills

6<sup>th</sup> Grade and above





### **Spiritual Retreat**

On October 17-19 we are planning a spiritual retreat in beautiful Speculator, NY at Camp Fowler. We need a minimum of 10 people to commit. Only \$50 per person. We have a kitchen to bring or prepare meals. The retreat will include contemplative prayer, ancient Chinese practices such as Qi Gong, Tai chi, and acupressure, some sort of artistic project and a group discussion to be determined. None of the above activities are mandatory. Or opt to hike, walk, nap, read a book or ride a bicycle. Also, it is not necessary to attend all three days. You can opt to come on Saturday October 18th when the majority of the programs will be held. All are welcome. To register please email Lorraine

Chambers at [Ichambers46@yahoo.com](mailto:Ichambers46@yahoo.com) or call 518 796-9413.

Please let her know by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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