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11:00 AM - August 3, 2025, 8th Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion - Setting 10

INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's Supper and the encouragement of God's word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist

Dietrich Buxtehude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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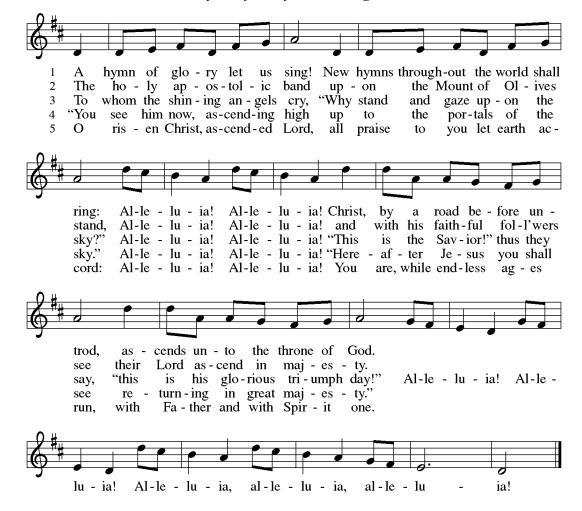
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. Amen.



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GREETING ELW p. 203

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.

KYRIE ELW p. 203



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin. Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12

(The congregation is invited to sing all verses with the choir.)

W K Davis

¹ Hear this, all you **peoples**;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² you of high degree and **low**, rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a **proverb** and set forth my riddle upon the **harp**.

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil **days**,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own **prowess**, and boast of their great **riches**?

⁷One can never redeem an**other**,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ for the ransom of a life is so **great** that there would never be enough to **pay it**,

⁹ in order to live forever and **ever** and never see the **grave**.

¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they **perish** and leave their wealth to those who come **after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to **generation**,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that **perish**.

A reading from Colossians.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

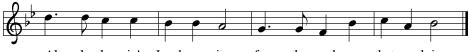
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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



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MICHAEL

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CREED ELW p. 206

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 206

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

In memory of Hal Hopson who passed away on July 20th.



Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

R. W. Hillert



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OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

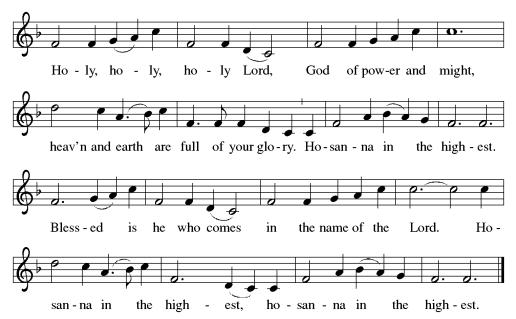
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE ELW p. 207

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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 ELW p. 208

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

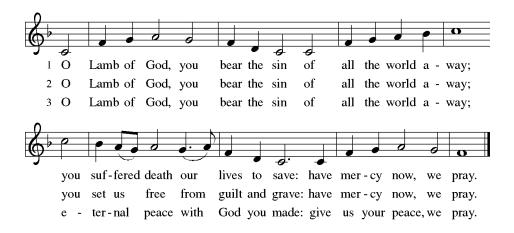
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

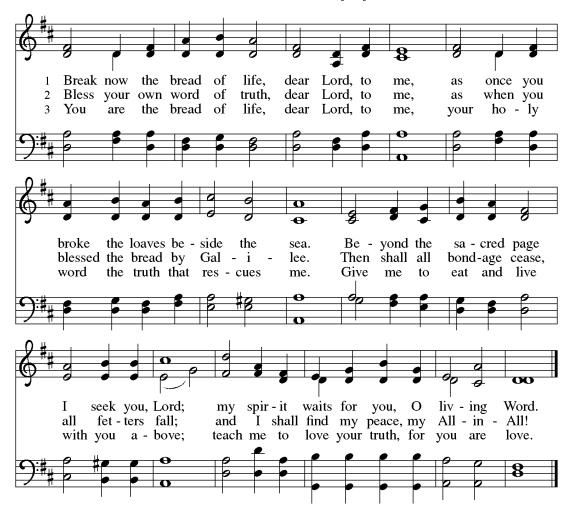
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

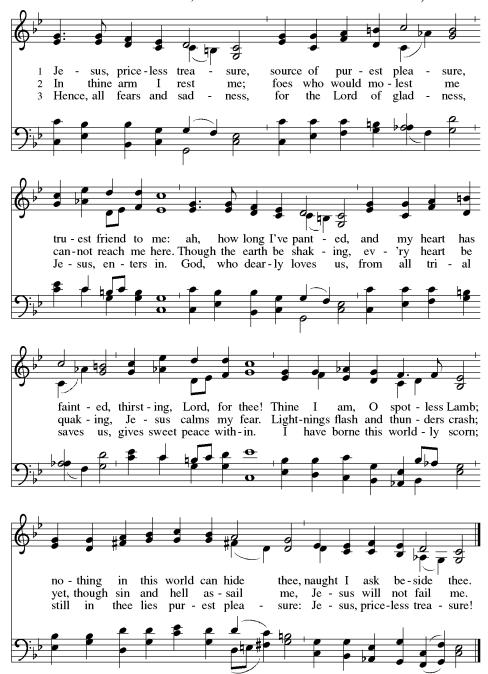
AGNUS DEI ELW p. 208





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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 209

Almighty God, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN 449 We Know that Christ is Raised **ENGELBERG** We Christ is raised and dies know that more. no 2 We share by wa ter in his sav ing death. clothes life. 3 The Fa ther's splen - dor the Son with 1ife and new cre tion to grows Em - braced by broke hold. death. he its fear fu1 Re - born. share with him Eas life. we an ter God. The Spir - it's fis shakes church sion the of Christ's new bod takes flesh blood. V on and and our de spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. liv of Sav - ior Christ. ing mem - bers as our Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One. whole will sing: ni verse re - stored and Ha1 le jah! lu

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DISMISSAL ELW p. 209

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Voluntary in E Flat

Michael Graham

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Ushers Jeremy Goings, Tex Davis, Mike Cook

Greeter Elizabeth Goings
Acolyte Blakely Goings
Crucifer Paxton Goings

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our Lord and in honor of all musicians, choirs, teachers and youth leaders who give of their time and talents by BJ Roof.

A special word of thanks to Annie Ruth Addy and the Faith Community Health Ministry Committee for making the back to school kits, and to Jenny Wright and Paper Pro for making the backpack tags. Name: Date:



GIANT Back to School

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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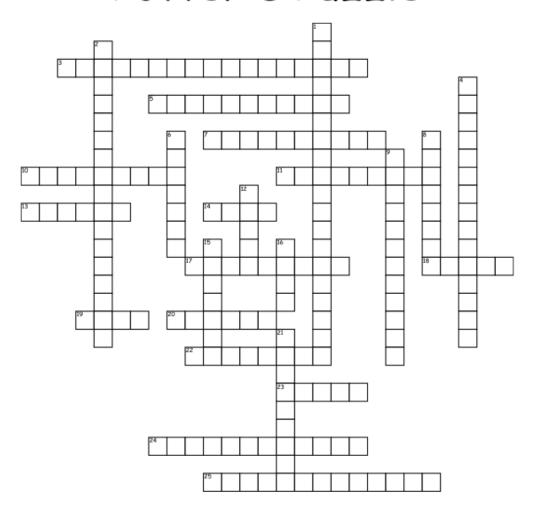
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Potter's Puzzle



<u>Across</u>

- The Levitation Charm
- Main Character
- 7. Closest Friend -male-
- 10. Whom Is The Heir Of Slitherin?
- Author of all Harry Potter books
- 13. Grounds at Hogwarts
- 14. What Fruit Must You Tickle To Get Into The Hogwarts Kitchen?
- Which horse-like creatures pull the school carriages at Hogwarts?
- 18. Who kills Dumbledore at the end of Half Blood Prince?

- 19. Hagrid's Dog
- 20. Slytherin Bully
- 22. Whom Does Ron Marry In The Epilogue Of Deathly Hollows?
- 23. The Sock Elf
- 24. Professor Lockhart starts a dueling club. At the first meeting, Harry unwittingly reveals a mysterious and rare ability. What is this ability?
- 25. What was the scar on Harry's head shaped as?

Down

1. Head Teacher at Hogwarts

- Harry's Christmas present from Dumbeldore
- Closest Friend -female-
- 6. In Book 3, Harry nearly dies several times after catching a glimpse of which death omen?
- 8. The School Harry Attended
- 9. Whom Does Harry Marry In The Epilogue Of Deathly Hollows?
- Harry's Father's Name
- 15. What is the name of the Weasley that works with dragons?
- 16. Whom Is Ron's Older Brother?
- 21. Who Was Tom Marvolo Riddle?

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Selena Metts, Ann Shealy, Natalie Shealy, Travis Spainhour, Allen Wise, Cole Epting.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Karen Holton, Lance Tucker, Joyce Riley, Jackie Macaulay, Nancy Stone-Collum Pam Burnett, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Barbara Raulerson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

John Conrad, Linda Price, Bruce Merchant, Grace Kelly, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs Paul Addy, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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