

Date: 08/31/25 Season: PENTECOST 12 (GREEN)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor Linda Bollebach

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.**

HEALING LITURGY

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us prayer:

O God, in the Lord Jesus, you healed, and you gave hope. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Mend broken relationships through the power of your Spirit, especially between Russia and Ukraine, Israelis and Palestinians, and in places like Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, and Haiti. Restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Restore to wholeness, O Triune God, whatever is amiss in our lives, and in this nation.

O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Strengthen our trust in you so that we might not hesitate to bring our concerns to you, O Lord of life.

Amen.

LAYING ON HANDS

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

Sisters and brothers, come as you are able and receive laying on of hands and anointing. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. Those who are unable to come to the Altar Rail, let a Shepherd know and we will come to you.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

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.

KYRIE

WOV 12

The musical score is written for two staves in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily on the upper staff, with the lower staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes. The score is divided into five systems, each containing two staves. The lyrics are as follows:

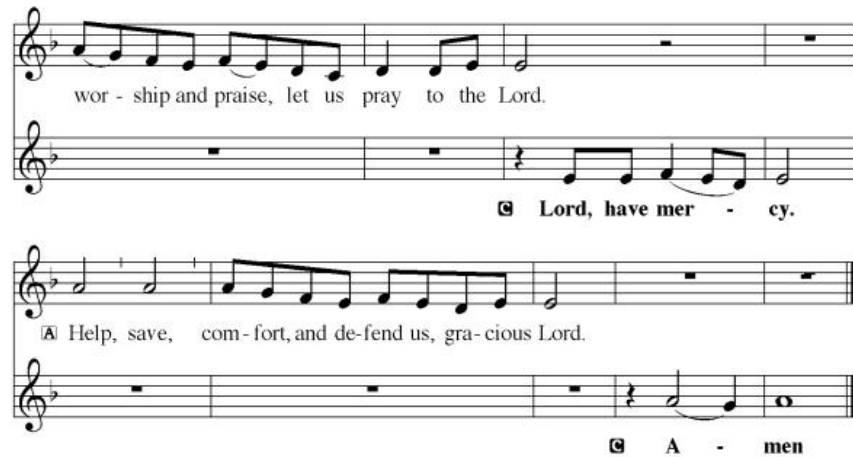
System 1:
[A] In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. [A] For the
[B] Lord, have mer - cy.

System 2:
peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

System 3:
Lord. [A] For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
[B] Lord, have mer - cy.

System 4:
Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

System 5:
Lord. [A] For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
[B] Lord, have mer - cy.



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

☐ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

☐ A - men

CANTICAL OF PRAISE

WOV 15



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, 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, 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, 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, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

I
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Terry Michael

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM PROVERBS 25:6-7a

Frank Noto

**⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.**

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING FROM HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Frank Noto

**¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"
⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.**

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV 17



GOSPEL

Vicar Abbey Knappman

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Vicar Abbey Knappman

SERMON

Vicar Abbey Knappman

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1036

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Terry Michael

Let us pray for the church, the creation, the whole people of God, and open our hearts to the will of God.

A brief silence.

Inspire deacons, pastors, vicars, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain and strengthen farm workers, and all who labor in fields, orchards, and vineyards to bring forth the food that nourishes us. Grant them dignity, fair wages, and safe conditions. Revive the plains and pastures; restore health to the soil and life to the land. Provide for the cattle and all creatures who depend on these gifts for their sustenance. Extinguish the fires that rage, cool scorched earth, calm fierce winds, and bring rain to parched places, that the land might be renewed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On this Labor Day weekend, open our eyes and hearts to the workers whose labor is too often unseen and undervalued, those who clean, build, harvest, care, and serve. May their dignity be honored, their work recognized, and their wages fair to sustain life, support families, and foster hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, overwhelmed by debt, or striving each day just to make ends meet. Look with mercy upon the sick and suffering, especially Cindy, Rev. Steven, David, Tom, Lynnex, Grandma Kateryna, Lucy, Pat, Thelma, Jacob, Louise, Carol, Yvonne, Bill, Matt, DJ, Mark, Bob, Tommy, and Beverly. Surround them with your healing, comfort, peace, and accompany all who feel alone or uncertain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give shepherds and greeters a spirit of welcome, that all who enter here may feel seen, valued, and at home. Bless the work of those who feed and nourish us in church kitchens, food pantries, homes, and fields. May their hands be strengthened, their efforts appreciated, and their care multiplied to serve both body and soul. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, especially Betty Krueger and Ben Schultz we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: (P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al - so with you. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: (P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord. The third staff continues with the lyrics: (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: (C) It is right to give our thanks and praise. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines, and is designed to be easily sung by a congregation.

(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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

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, almighty and ever living God. Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way everlasting life. And so, 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Vicar Abbey Knappman

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
men.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Come, eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

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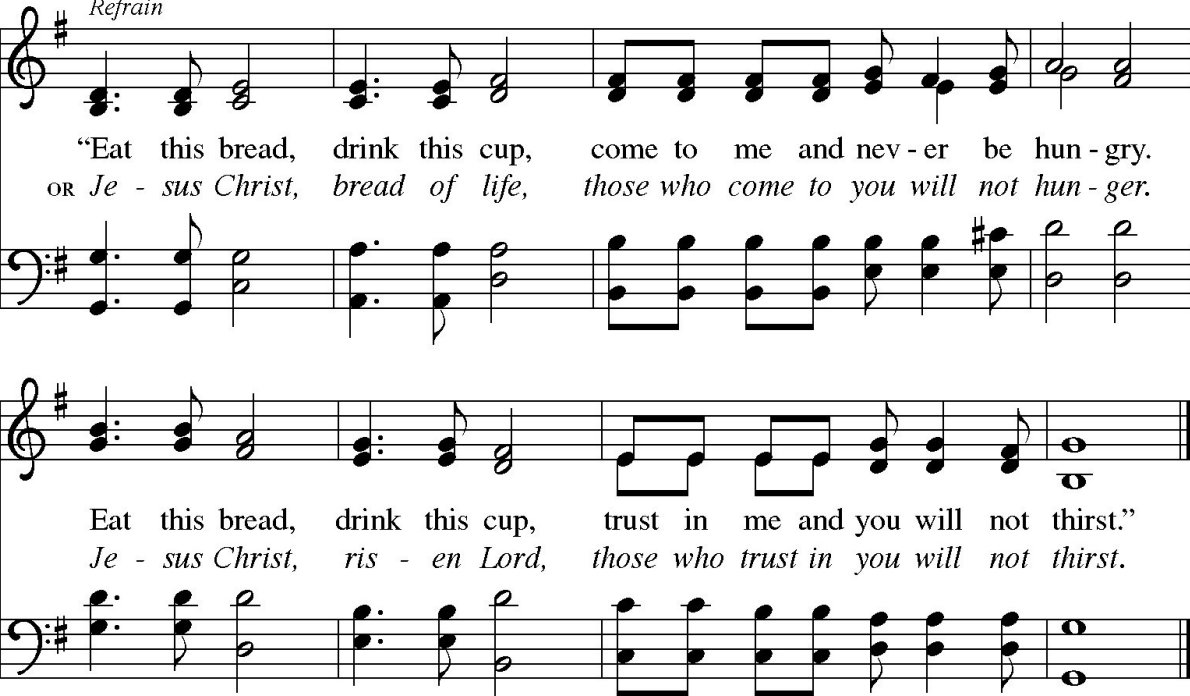
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 472

Eat This Bread
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 482

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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TABLE BLESSING

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Vicar Abbey Knappman

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Pastor Linda Bollenbach

May the love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior ✝ Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 205

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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TRADITIONAL w/HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30 a.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN ELCA

MISSION STATEMENT

Terry Michael

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Terry Michael

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
In the name of Christ. Amen

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE