

12th Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast

August 23, 2026 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

Diane Rauser

Liturgist

Lois Kern & Rachel Barton

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.**

† *Gathering Hymn: Come, All You People*

ELW 819

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

† *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.**

† *Kyrie*

Leader



In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the

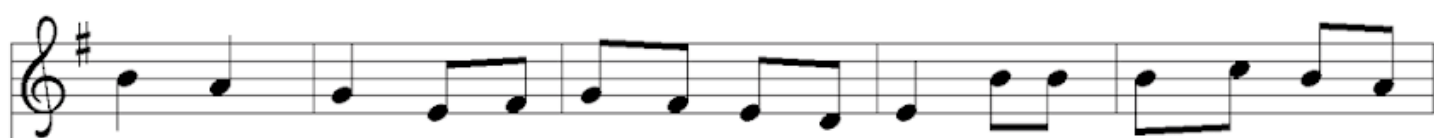


Lord.



For your

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

† *Now the Feast*

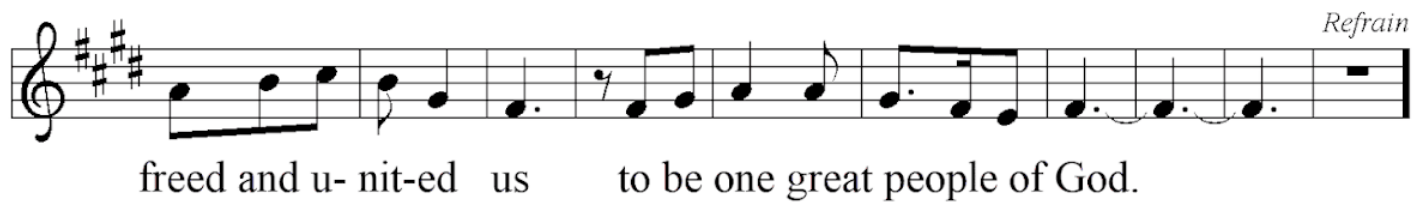
Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;

praise and glory for - ev - er - more!

I Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



† *Prayer of the Day*

God, your Holy Spirit nourishes us and makes us bear good fruit. Give us patience to face our trials in faith, and strengthen us to always trust in your timing. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

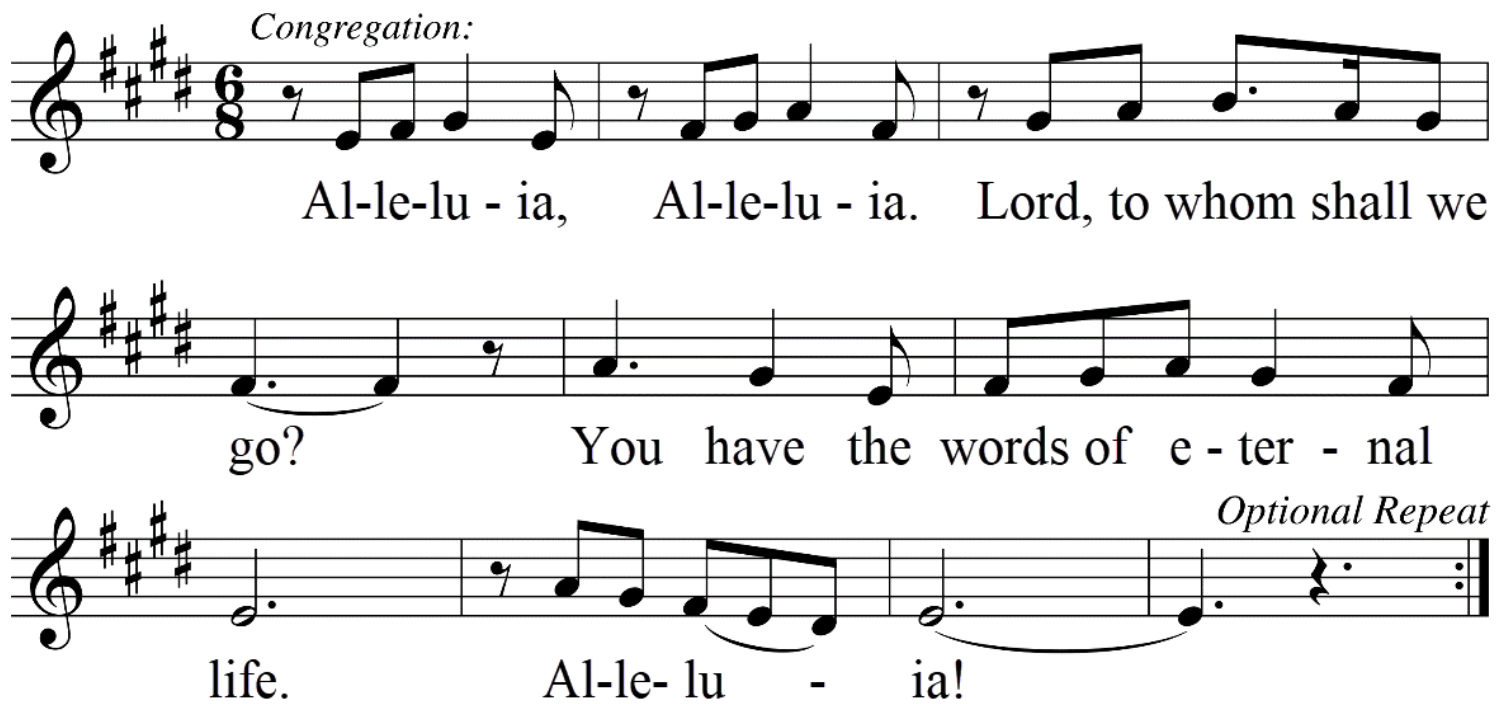
Reading: Galatians 5: 22-23

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

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

† *Gospel Acclamation:*

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le- lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

† GOSPEL: Luke 13: 6-16

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

⁶ Then [Jesus] told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on

which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Beth

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: Wait for the Lord

ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart! *(repeat)*

† 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. Amen.

† Prayers of Intercession

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day especially Luke, Dean, Wayne and Merlin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the

faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

† Peace

Offering

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Thank you!

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared with-in our midst
2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when

The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on each staff.

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

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.

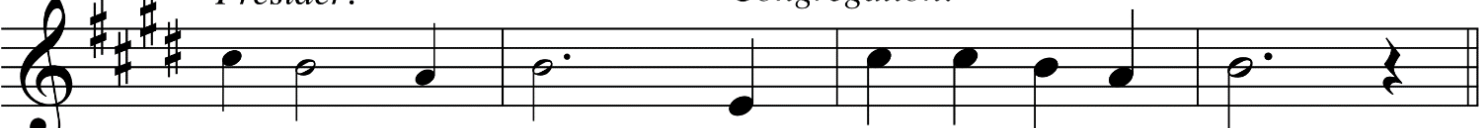
† The Great Thanksgiving

<i>Presider:</i>	<i>Congregation:</i>
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

<i>Presider:</i>	<i>Congregation:</i>
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Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

<i>Presider:</i>	<i>Congregation:</i>
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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join

their unending hymn:

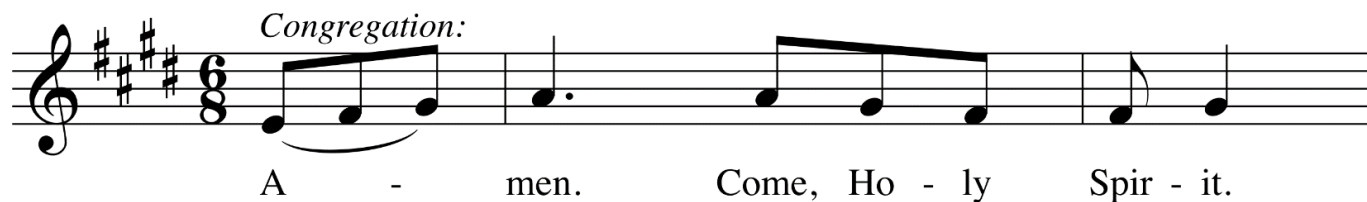
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of power and
might; heaven and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: You are indeed holy... Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus.

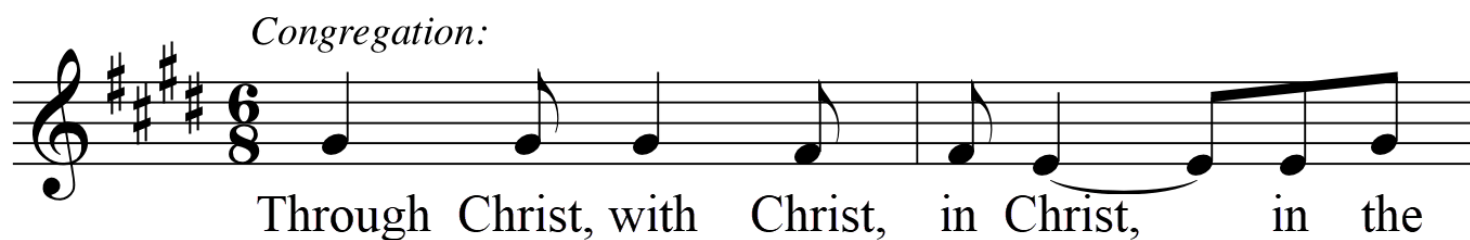
Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



† *Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ*



† *Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

*Nuestro padre en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.*

Give us today our daily bread.	<i>Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.</i>
Forgive us our sins	<i>Perdónanos nuestros pecados</i>
as we forgive those	<i>como nosotros perdonamos</i>
who sin against us.	<i>los que pecan contra nosotros.</i>
Save us from the time of trial	<i>Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.</i>
and deliver us from evil.	<i>y líbranos del mal.</i>
For the kingdom, the power,	<i>Por el reino, el poder y</i>
and the glory are yours,	<i>la gloria es tuya,</i>
now and forever. Amen.	<i>ahora y siempre. Amén.</i>

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

<i>Congregation:</i>	<i>Congregation or Assistant:</i>
Lamb of God,	you take a - way the sin of the
	you break the chains of hatred and
	you are the way of justice and
	you are the way of mercy and
<i>Congregation:</i>	
world;	have mer-cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear;	
peace;	
love;	
Final Stanza	
<i>Congregation or Assistant:</i>	
mer-cy on us.	Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



***Communion Hymn: By Your Hand You Feed Your People* ELW 469**

By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain:

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we

may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

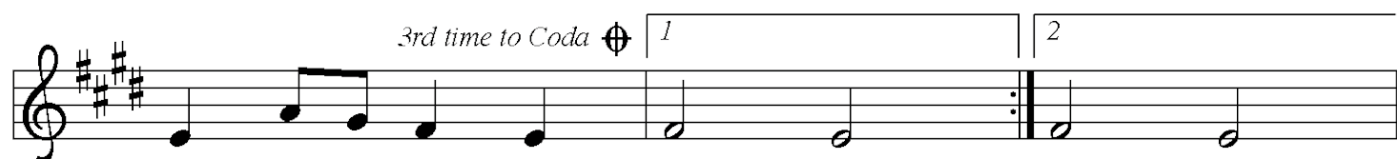
† Song of Blessing



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem- b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Blessing of the Backpacks

God of all knowledge and wisdom, these students and backpacks remind us that a new school year has begun. We ask your blessing on them and upon all students, young and old, as they begin a new year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given them. As they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness and compassion. We ask your blessing on parents and all those who care for these students. Strengthen them to encourage, support, and love these students. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

God of grace, you bless us always by bringing into our lives people who will show us how to live as your disciples in the world. Bless each of these individuals standing, that they may serve their students and serve you to the best of their ability. Guide them in your ways and strengthen them to show your love to students, colleagues and all others with whom they work. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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