



12th Sunday of Pentecost
August 31, 2025 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A. And also with you.

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the ability to worship You.
Help us to prepare our hearts as we come together with others to
worship You. Help us to encourage others and lift each other up. That
we are able to grow in our faith and unity. Amen.

Hymn: ***Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful we adore thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee
Praising thee, their sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the gloom of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays

Stars and angels sing around thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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.

A: Amen.

L: If we say 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. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

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

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Psalm 84

"How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. Hear my prayer LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you."

Hebrews 10:19-25

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Matthew 22:34-40

"Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees the Pharisees go together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teaching, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Apostle’s Creed

ALL: 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.

Hymn: ***Alleluia Sing To Jesus***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
His the scepter his the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia! He is near us
Faith believes, nor questions how
Through the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o’er
Shall our hearts forget his promise
I am with you evermore

Alleluia! Bread of heaven
Here on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day
Intercessor, friend of sinners
Earth’s redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea

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Words Of Institution

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

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.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O, what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

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Sermon Notes

What Is The Value Of Church?

⇒ What is my main motivation for attending church?

⇒ How do I prepare my heart for Sunday morning services?

⇒ Am I coming with an attitude of Christ first, others second, and myself third?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman