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August 3, 2025 – 10:00 AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord's Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God's forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the ***Friendship Register*** in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a ***Visitors Card*** from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION – *Setting 10*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Merciful God,

[C] 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.

[P] 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.

[C] Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW #768
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

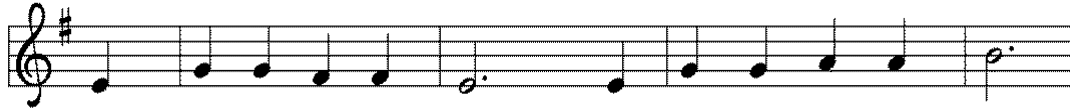
***Greeting**

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

[C] And also with you.

*The Kyrie

ELW, Page 203



The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11 *Insert*
[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

***The Verse:** ELW, Page 205

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.

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Luke 12:13-21 *Insert*
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Vicar James Hilden-Minton

***Hymn of the Day:** “Faith Begins By Letting Go” ACS #1004

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

***The Apostle’s Creed** ELW, Page 105

**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.**

***The Prayers**

After each portion of the prayers:

[A] God of grace,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

***The Peace** is shared by all.

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The Offering

Choral Offertory: *“Sing to the Lord a New Song”*

***The Offertory Hymn** *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* ELW #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together.

[C] **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.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

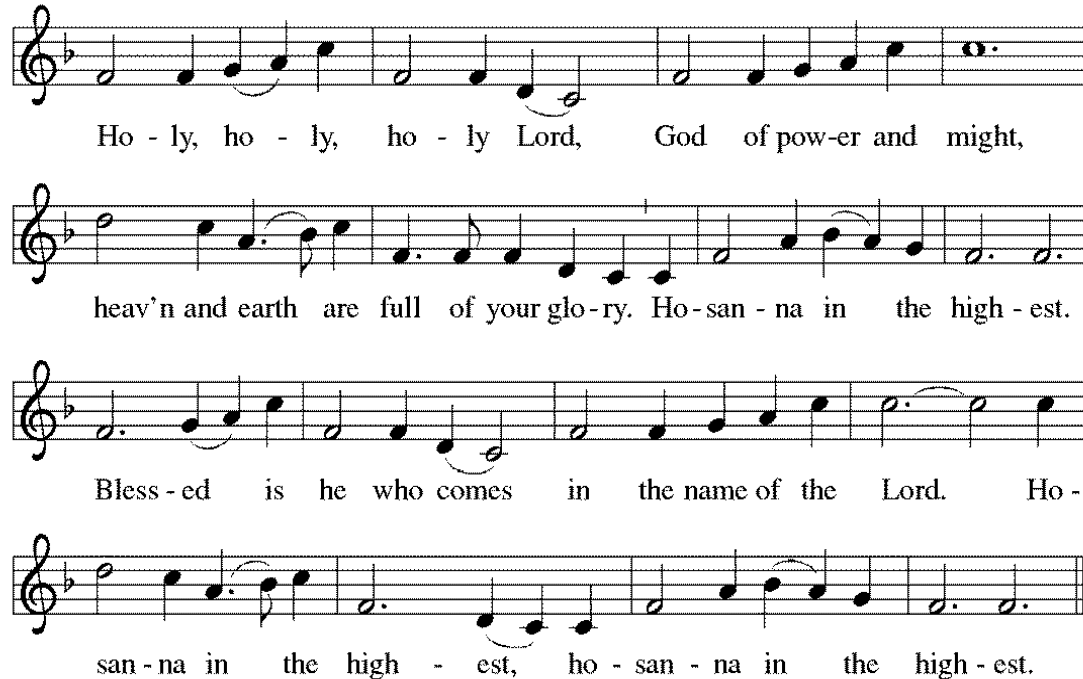
[P] Lift up your hearts.

[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.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

[P] 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.

[C] 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.

The Communion *(Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.)*

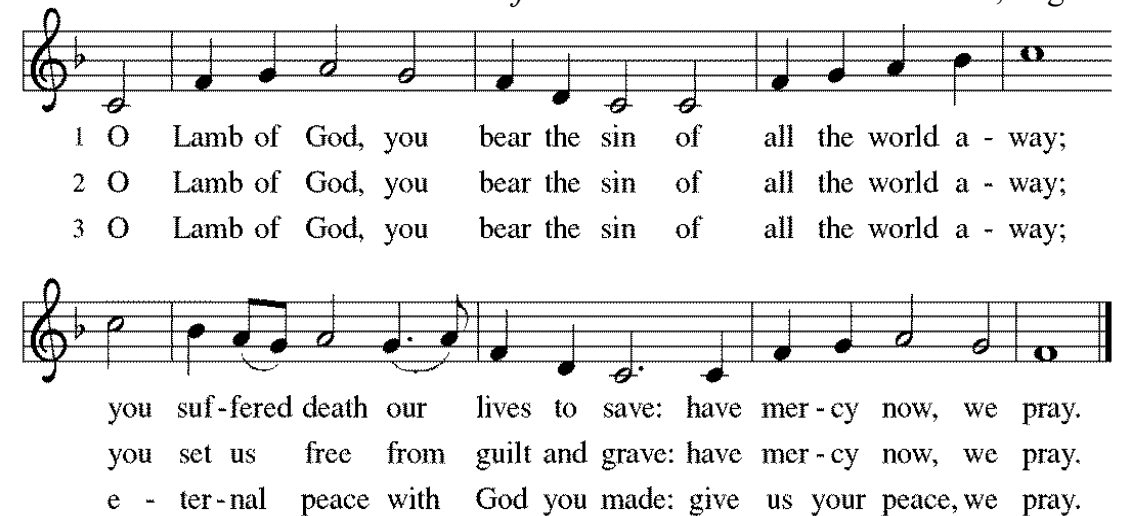
Praise Chorus: "Like Lambs Among the Wolves," written by Vicar James Hilden-Minton
(Congregation is invited to sing with the choir)

"And I am sending you. Yes, I am sending you. Like lambs among the wolves, I am sending you. Do not pack a bag or an extra pair of shoes. The children of peace will welcome you.

See, I am sending you. Yes, I am sending you.
Like lambs among the wolves, I am sending you. (sing 2x)

"Lamb of God"

ELW, Page 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn: *"The Church's One Foundation"* ELW #654
"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] 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.

[C] Amen.

***Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* ELW #650

*As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,
the congregation turns to face the cross.*

***Dismissal**

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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