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Being the Body of Christ

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August 17, 2025 9:00 am 10th Sunday of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

OPENING HYMN

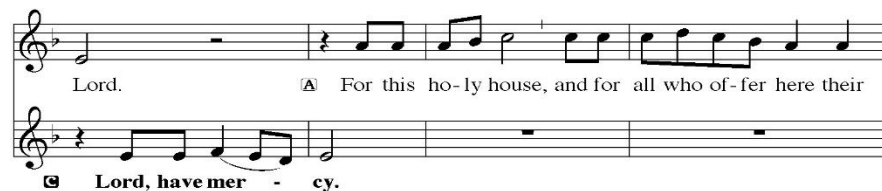
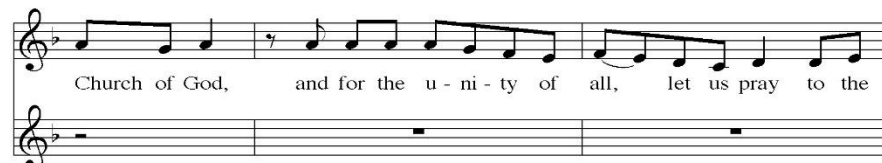
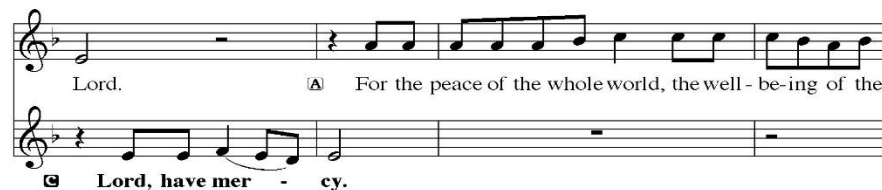
Let the Whole Creation Cry

LBW #242

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



HYMN OF PRAISE

☐ 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

☐ 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.

☐ 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand VERSE



GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son, and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Firm a Foundation*

LBW #507

Stand APOSTLES’ CREED

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

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

After each petition: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

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**

PEACE

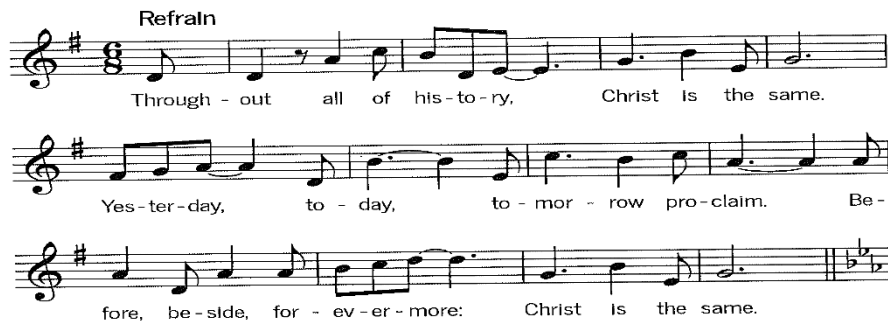
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING *For the Fruit of All Creation* WOV #760

Stand

OFFERTORY Go to www.zionstjohn.org to donate or download VanCo Mobile app to your mobile device.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE/ SANCTUS



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

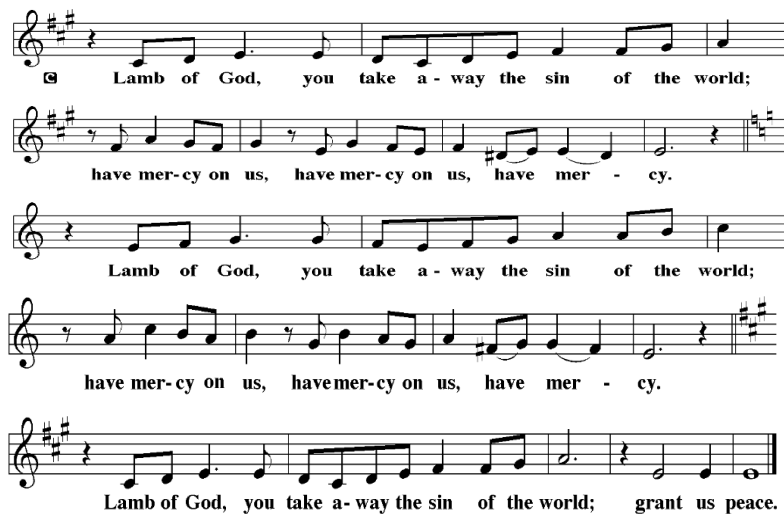
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

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



Sit

COMMUNION *Here is Bread*

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread, there is healing, in this cup, is life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim, til he comes, Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING/ CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make is face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* WOV #649

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Kenneth Kosche

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Stewardship

...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us

Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Charles S Lector...Doreen D

Greeter/ Fellowship...Alice & Don G

Acolyte...Olivia R Crucifer...Lillian W

Audio/Visual...Fred R and Scott C

Our Time...

August 10...37 LSV... 21

And Our Possessions...

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