

September 6-7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5p/9a Worship Service



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Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Prelude 5am: “Shalom” by Forrest; Jennaya Robison and Jared Rogers, vocal duet Anne Harris Carter, violin and Robin Wagner, piano

Prelude 9am: Variations on “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”
— Arr. Reuss, Miller

Welcome

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(brief silence) Merciful and loving God,

All: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *ELW* #408 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

“This is The Feast” ... Pg 122

Refrain



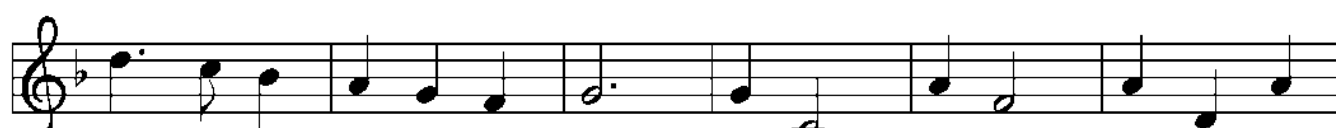
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

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

Final refrain

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Sit

(9a) Children's Message

(5p) Special Music: "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Robison; Adult & Youth Choirs

Intro to the Reading:

L: Today's reading helps us to begin to understand what it means when we say "I believe" in one God in three persons. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Creator takes on flesh and walks among us in Jesus, the Son. All three persons of the Godhead are always at work together, inseparable from each other since the beginning of time.

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 124



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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.


The Gospel is Announced

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Reading: John 1:1-18 *NRSVue*

L: ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. *Continued* →

We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be - lieve in one true God,
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ,
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost

who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en, the Fa - ther,
his own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing an c - qual
who, in high - est heav - en dwell - ing with God the

who to us in love has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
God-head, throne, and might, source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing;
Fa - ther and the Son, com-forts us be - yond all tell - ing;

He in soul and bod - y feeds us; all we need his
born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, by the pow - er
who the church, his own cre - a - tion, keeps in u - ni -

hand pro - vides us; through all snares and per - ils
of the Spir - it, Word made flesh, our el - der
ty of spir - it. Here for - give - ness and sal -

leads us, watch - ing that no harm be - tide us.
 broth - er; that the lost might life in - her - it,
 va - tion dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.

He cares for us day and
 was put to death on the
 All flesh shall rise; we shall

night;
cross,
be

all things are gov-erned by his might.
and raised by God vic - to - ri - ous.
in bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. A long horizontal line above the staff indicates a sustained note or breath mark. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the staff, with 'A' under the first note and 'men.' under the final note.

What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sit

Sermon ... Pr. Craig Brown

Stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW #411

"We All Believe in One True God"

Lector: Go to the Ambo for the Prayers

The Apostles' Creed...Page 105

All: 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 →

L: God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you

P: Let us turn to one another, offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering of Gratitude:

(Sit) P: You may be seated.

We give God our thanks and praise in response to God's mercy and abundance.

We invite you to place your gratitude card along with any offering you have in the plate at this time or make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Lector—Go to Ambo before Prayer; remain up front for communion.

(5p) Special Music: "Bambalela" (Never Give Up) arr. Kunene
Adult & Youth Choirs

(9a) Special Music: "The Word was God" — Powell; Adult Choir

(9) Offertory Hymn: ELW #685 (st. 1,6) "Take My Life, That I May Be"

**All: 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Offertory Prayer:

L: *(5p) Please Stand and*

(9a) Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: ... page 129

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ordinary Preface:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"...page 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en 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.

Words of Institution

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.

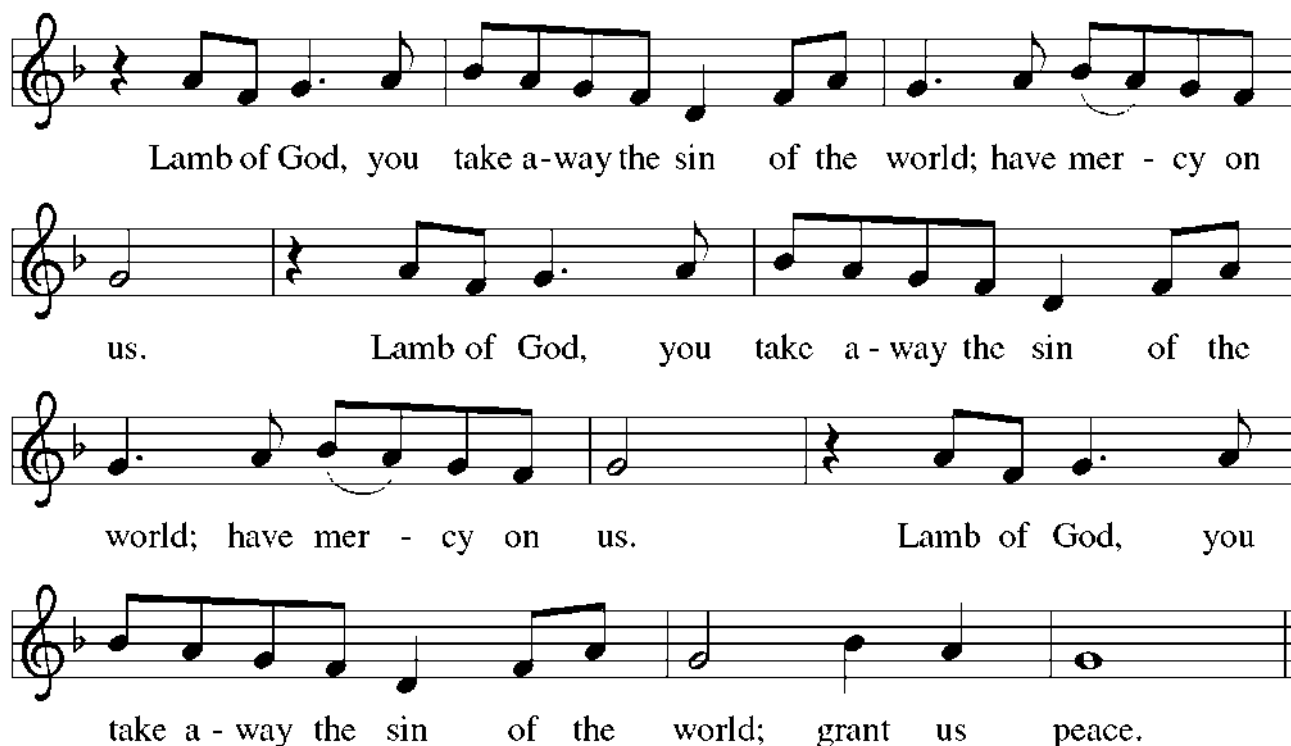
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lamb of God ... page 135



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

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

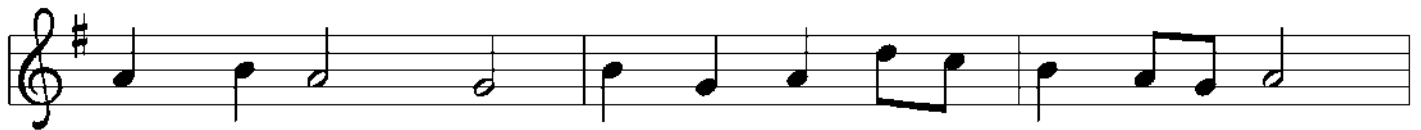
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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(5P) Special Music: "The Word was God" ... Powell; Adult Choir

Communion Hymn: *ELW* #510 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Lector—go to the ambo as Pastor covers communion elements.

Stand

The Communion Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

L: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

- Sending -

Benediction:

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *ELW* #548 *on the back* →

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "We All Believe in One True God"— Arr. Jacob Weber

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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