

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 22, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

“What do  
you want  
with me,  
Jesus, Son  
of the Most  
High God?”

Luke 8:28 NIV



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*Before God saves us in baptism, we are held prisoner to hostile spiritual forces. Some of them are known to us, and some are of our own making. Often we do not see or recognize the spirits that trouble us. As we come into God's presence today, a word of liberation is announced to us.*

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

**C** We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

**P** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Stand*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, sts. 1–4, alt.; A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790, st. 5; Spanish tr. ¡Cantad al Señor!, 1991  
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Eph. 2:1, 4–9; John 1:14, 16–17; Heb. 4:16; Rom. 3:22b–24

KYRIE

**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.

**P** In peace, in peace, let us pray— to the

Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 For the reign of God, and for peace through-  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the  
 Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 For your peo - ple here, who have come to  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray — to the  
 Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, and de -  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 fend us, O God.  
 A -

(accompaniment/intro)  
 men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.

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



Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, \_\_\_\_\_ whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great *to Refrain*  
peo - ple of God. \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ \_\_\_\_\_ *to Refrain*  
\_\_\_\_\_ for - ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, —  
— to make us peo- ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

**[P]** O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

### FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

**[R]** I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.  
 See, it is written before me:  
 I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
 I will indeed repay into their laps  
 their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
 says the LORD;  
 because they offered incense on the mountains  
 and reviled me on the hills,  
 I will measure into their laps  
 full payment for their actions.  
 Thus says the LORD:  
 As the wine is found in the cluster,  
 and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
 for there is a blessing in it,"  
 so I will do for my servants' sake,  
 and not destroy them all.  
 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
 and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
 my chosen shall inherit it,  
 and my servants shall settle there.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people in faith. Those who are baptized experience a radical equality that removes distinctions based on race, social class, or gender.*

**R** Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

| ---- Introduction ---- |

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-



## GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 26.

### **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*In response to being healed, the Gerasene indicates his willingness to be Jesus' disciple by sitting at Jesus' feet. Unlike the rest of the Gerasenes who, in their fear, ask Jesus to leave, the man who has been healed testifies to what Jesus has done for him.*

**P** Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"--for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into**



heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "Cast"

Stand

HYMN "Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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BEACH SPRING  
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Luke 4:16-21; Mark 10:13-16; John 1:1, 14, 29; 4:5-14

PRAYERS

P

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “**hear our prayer.**” The prayers conclude:

P

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING


You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

OFFERTORY SONG

**C** *introduction - - - -* *rit.* *Refrain* As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you. *Verses* (1st & 2nd times: go to verses; 3rd time: end) 1. As this cup of bless-ing is 2. Let this be a fore-taste of shared with - in our midst, all that is to come may we share the cre - a - tion



pres - ence of your love. (Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)  
 shares this feast with you. (Sing Refrain once more)

**[P]** Let us pray. Gracious God,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

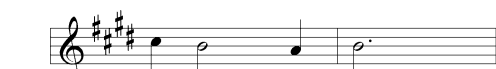
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**[P]** The Lord be with you.



**[C]** And al-so 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 God thanks and praise.

**[P]** It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



|--Introduction - |  
**[C]** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of  
 pow - er and might; Heav-en 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!

## 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.

**[P]** 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

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

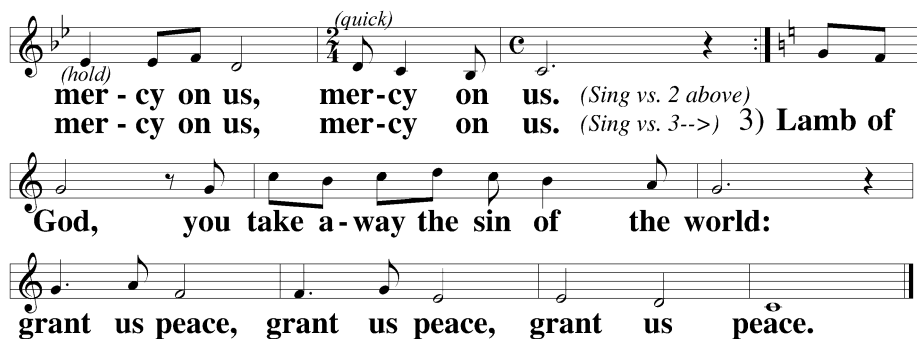
**[C]** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

**[C]** 1) Lamb of God, you take a -  
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,  
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,


  
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)  
 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
 grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

## HYMN "Just As I Am"


  
 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
 blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
 Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68; setting: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

WOODWORTH

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John 1:29; 6:37; Rev. 3:17

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

**C**



1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to  
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to  
you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and  
you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have  
low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (sing vs. 2)  
taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (cont.-->)  
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.  
Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -  
ev - er! Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to  
you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**[P]** Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**[C] Amen.**

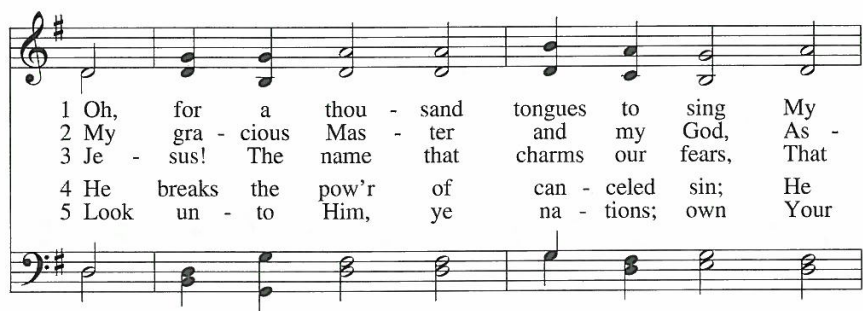
## BENEDICTION

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

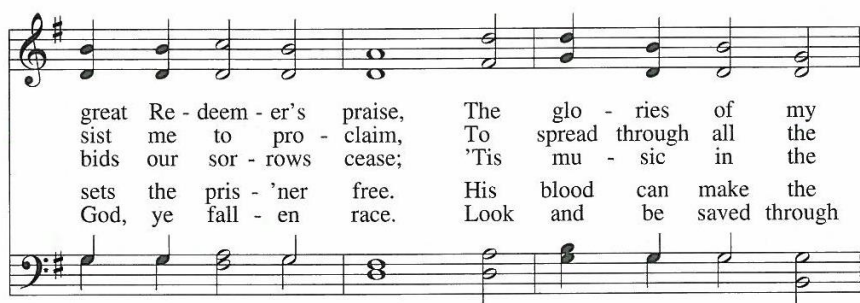
**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

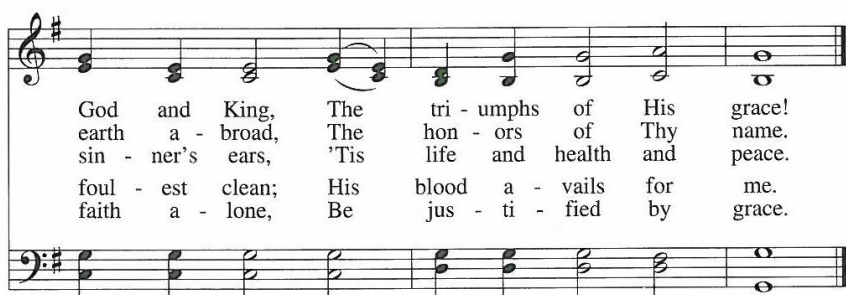
## CLOSING HYMN “Oh For A Thousand Tongues”



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He  
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.  
Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; setting: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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*Ps. 96:1–3; 1 Peter 1:18–19; Rev. 5:11–13; Eph. 2:8–9*

## POSTLUDE

*----- The liturgy is ended; let the service begin -----*

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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