



Pentecost +18

Harvest Home Sunday

October 12, 2025 ✠ 9:00 AM

Welcome to our worship of the living God on this 18th Sunday after Pentecost! As we listen today to testimonies of God's healing work, we're inclined to say, "It's a miracle— multiple miracles!" But we, too, are the recipients of Naaman's healing. The waters of Holy Baptism have healed us; the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion have made us clean. We've died with Christ, and we've been raised with Him. For all this, we've returned to offer thanks. From this place, we're sent on our way rejoicing to share the Good News.

Congregational responses are printed in *indented boldface italics*.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING HYMN: **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

ELW 733

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow— blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS:

Blest are You, our Triune God, the Wellspring, ✠ the Word, and the Spirit of Love!
And blest is Your Reign, now and forever!

You've woven us into a tapestry of creation resplendent with life;
You've blessed us in community and called us to embody Your love for those around us.

***But we've been turned in on ourselves, focused on our own needs and desires
rather than living as channels of Your abundant grace.***

We've defied Your commands; we've wounded Your love; we've marred Your image in us.

We've exiled ourselves from Your grace, and long for Your embrace once more.

Hear us, O God, as we confess the sin that everyone knows and the sins we fear to name:

Silence for personal reflection and confession.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that's past,

and lead us out from our darkness to walk as children of Your Light. Amen.

Hear the Good News, my brothers and sisters:

God never tires of welcoming us back into God's loving arms.

In Christ Jesus, God's defied our sin with forgiveness, our death with new and endless life,
and poured out the Holy Spirit upon us to transform our lives.

So rejoice in God's love— you're ✝ forgiven and free—

and let God's new creation take shape in your life!

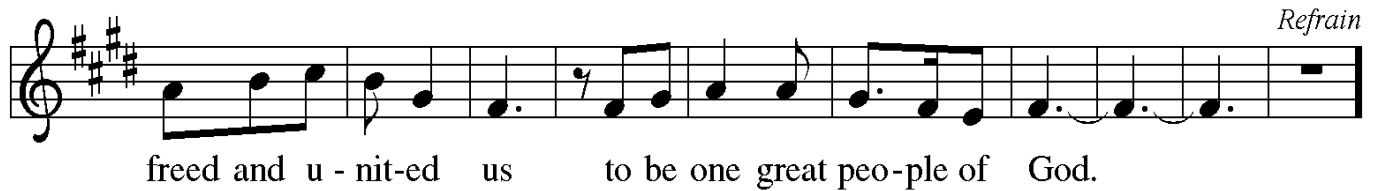
Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has





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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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

And also with you.

Then let's pray: Gracious God, Your bountiful goodness fills all creation.
Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit,
we may gratefully accomplish all You'd have us do, through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD AND PRAYER

FIRST READING:

2 Kings 5.1-15c

NRSVUE

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who's in Samaria! He'd cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I'll send along a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I've sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he's trying to pick a quarrel with me!" ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there's a prophet in Israel."

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he'd surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in *them* and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there's no God in all the earth except in Israel!"

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 2.8-15

NRSVUE

St Paul writes: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David— that's my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God isn't chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that's in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: "If we've died with Him, we'll also live with Him; ¹² if we endure, we'll also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He'll also deny us; ¹³ if we're faithless, He remains faithful— He can't deny Himself!" ➔

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they're to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by Him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is holy wisdom; this is holy word.

Thanks be to God!

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 17.11-19

NRSVUE

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


Glory to You, O Lord!

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached Him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Weren't *ten* made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then He said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."


This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!


PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS





1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,




with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.



APOSTLES CREED:

Let's confess our faith together in the words of our baptismal 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let's gather our prayers for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation:

Gracious God, You promise Your people that if we die with Christ, we'll also live with Christ; that if we endure, we'll reign with Christ; and that even when we're faithless, You remain faithful. We thank You that in Christ Jesus, Your Word has settled among us, meeting us in our brokenness and suffering and in mercy, bringing healing and a way to wholeness. Strengthen us to trust Your gracious promises and to ground our words and actions in this world not in our own capabilities or fidelities, but in Your saving faithfulness. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Even as You called a people to be Your own special possession, You've shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that we, like You, may welcome the strangers in our midst and share with them in our common journey from bondage to freedom and from death to life. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We rejoice in You as we delight in the abundance of Your good creation. As the earth brings forth its fruits, renew Your whole creation so that all creatures may be sustained and nourished. Have mercy on our brothers and sisters recovering from storms, wildfires, drought, and floods; give them Your strength to meet the days ahead, Your peace which surpasses all understanding, and renewed hope for restoration and rebuilding, and help us be Your hands and heart of help for them. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Pour out Your Spirit of peace, justice, and reconciliation on the nations of this world and their leaders. Turn us away from the ways of violence and domination; move us toward Your righteousness and justice;

and grant Your peace and restoration to those whose lives have been devastated by warfare, famine, or disaster in Ukraine, Gaza, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Libya, Yemen, Sudan, Haiti, the DRC, and homes and communities in our own nation. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In Holy Baptism, You've united us with Christ Jesus in His holy humanity, even to the depth of His death and resurrection. In Your compassion, immerse in Your healing love all who struggle with any kind of sickness, grief, enslavement, pain, or despair, especially those we remember before You now... Heal us all, even when no cure may be found among us, and give us thankful hearts for every sign of Your resurrection breaking into our world of pain. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

With love and thanksgiving, we remember all those who've died in You, especially those most dear to us... Give us certainty to trust the salvation we have in Christ Jesus, and move us in the strength of that certainty to bring the foretastes of Your resurrection life to all around us until we all share in resurrection's bounty in the endless feast of Your victory. God of mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to You; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

The peace of the Lord is with you always.

And also with you.

Reconciled to God and to one another, we share a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES, WITH ANTHEM:

"Prayer (Psalm 25)"

-- Music by Robert Lau

OFFERTORY HYMN: "As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord is with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Let's give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord!

It's right to give our thanks and praise!

It's indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and everywhere
give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ Jesus our Lord,
who poured out His life for us even unto death on the cross,
that filled with the Spirit of His resurrection, we might have eternal life in Him.
And so with the Church on earth and the whole company of heaven,
we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:



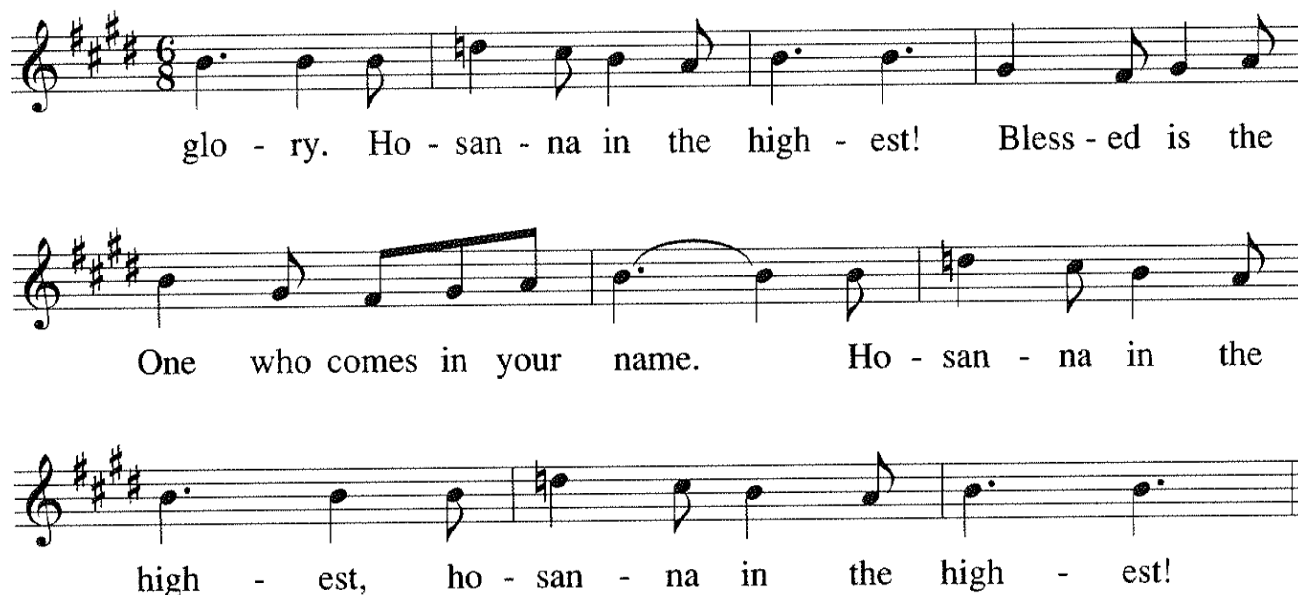
Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your





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In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
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.”

So with thanksgiving, we take this bread and cup and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Now send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy Supper.

***Empower us by that same Spirit to love and forgive,
that our lives may anticipate that day when You'll make all things new.***

All this we pray with joy through our Lord Jesus Christ, who's taught us to pray:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.***

Breaking this bread, drinking this cup, we share the body and blood of Christ.
Jesus Himself invites you to this table— so come, eat and live!

CANTICLE: "Lamb of God"

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Now we share God's consecrated gifts among God's consecrated people, knowing that our living Lord Jesus is fully present with us in His Supper, giving Himself to us in bread and wine and forgiving love. Today, we'll share the Lord's Supper by receiving the body and blood of Christ by "**tables**" and the cup by **intinction**: When the usher bids you, come forward via the left side aisle, take a glass already filled with grape juice if necessary, and kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive "**the body of Christ, given for you**" from the Pastor; receive "**the blood of Christ, shed for you**" from our communion assistant by dipping the wafer in the wine (or drink the grape juice you already have in hand). Pr Dave will dismiss each "table" with a blessing, at which point the next "table" will form. Once we've all communed, our service continues with thanksgiving...

"May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. Return in peace..."

SENDING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

Gracious God, we give You thanks, for You've fed us at Your Table
that we might abide in Your love and draw our life from You.

*Now send us forth to bear the fruits of the Spirit,
that all creation might be filled with the life of the risen Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.*

BENEDICTION:

And now may God our Creator God open the pathways before you;
may Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole;
may the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive and your feet from stumbling;
and almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Praise to You, O God of Mercy!"

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See the following page for the words and music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL:

God has a plan.

We're it!

What's our part in God's plan?

Sharing God's love in joyful service!

Then let's go in peace, live in joy, and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

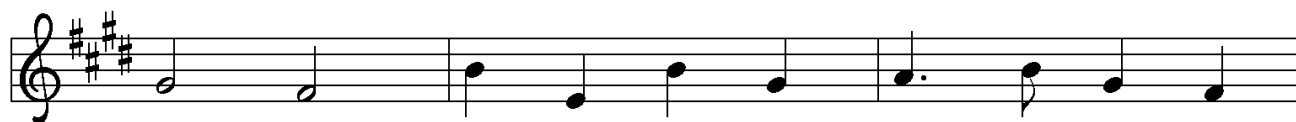
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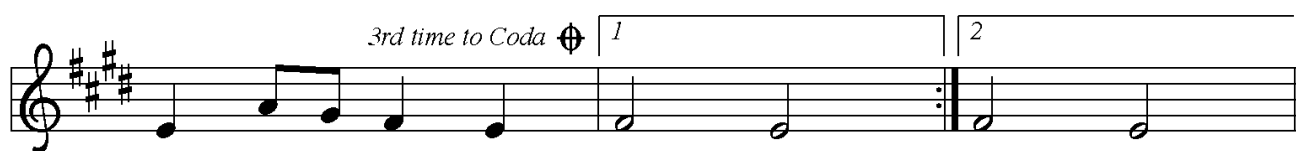
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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