



9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022

Opening Hymn #777
Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen

Kyrie – sing

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The First Lesson – Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And

behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 33:12-22
(antiphon – WS p. 41)

Antiphon –

I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
The LORD looks down from | heaven;*
he sees all the chil- | dren of man;
from where he sits enthroned he | looks out*
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts | of them all*
and observes | all their deeds.
The king is not saved by his great | army;*
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
that he may deliver their | soul from death*
and keep them alive in | famine.
Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
he is our help | and our shield.
For our heart is | glad in him,*
because we trust in his | holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,*
even as we | hope in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

The Second Lesson – Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead,

were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The Gospel – Luke 12:22-34

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth

destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

The Alleluia – sing

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation
Came down from heaven**

**And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
And was made man;**

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again

According to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

And sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge

Both the living and the dead,

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
Is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #263
*O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe***

1. O little flock, fear not the Foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and power.
What though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.
2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.
3. As true as God's own Word is true.
Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own;
Our victory cannot fail.
4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!

So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end. Amen.

Sermon Text – Luke 12:22-34

Sermon

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

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

P: Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and Your gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, so that we always trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, You have raised up children for Abraham from all the nations through faith in Your Word and promise. So bless Your Church on earth by the Seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, that Your people would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary. By Your Holy Spirit, grant them to live unto righteousness in Christ and to shine like the stars in the heavens forever and ever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God Almighty, teach the rulers of the nations how small and fleeting their reigns are. Shepherd them by the preaching of Your Church into the ways of peace, and fix their eyes on the better country that is to come, that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, You call us to cast our anxieties upon You because You care for us. In the midst of their tribulation, bless Your people with Your peace [*especially* _____]. As they consider Your care of flower and field, remind them of Your eternal care for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, our God, grant Your Holy Spirit to Your servants who partake of Your table this day. Enlighten them by Your Word, that they would be dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as He Himself serves them with His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You accomplished Your divine will through the lives and deaths of Your saints throughout the ages. Comfort all who mourn in our day, [*especially* _____,] and inspire faith in us through the godly example of those who have gone before us and are with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn #789 ***Consider How the Birds Above***

1. Consider how the birds above
Feed day by day with care-free ease –
Does God not keep them in His love?
Are we not worth much more than these?

2. See how the lilies do not toil,
They grow with fair fragility;
If God clothes these which quickly spoil,
Will He not clothe both you and me?

3. Set not your heart on food or drink,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
About such things the godless think,
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

4. Be on your guard against all greed,
For life is more than what we own.
Our Father knows our ev'ry need
Before our needs to us are known.

5. Seek first God's Kingdom and His grace
His holy Name in all you do;
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
All else will then be given you.

The Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

(the appropriate Preface is read)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

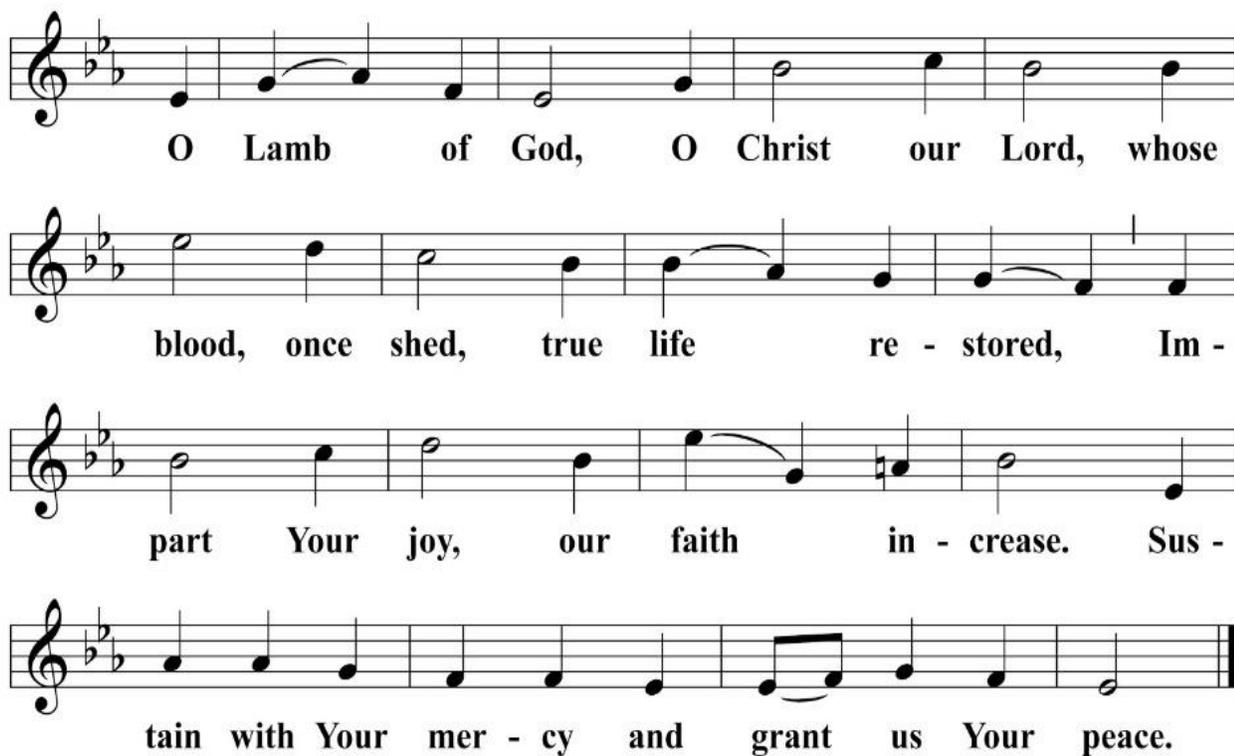
Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it

and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
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part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

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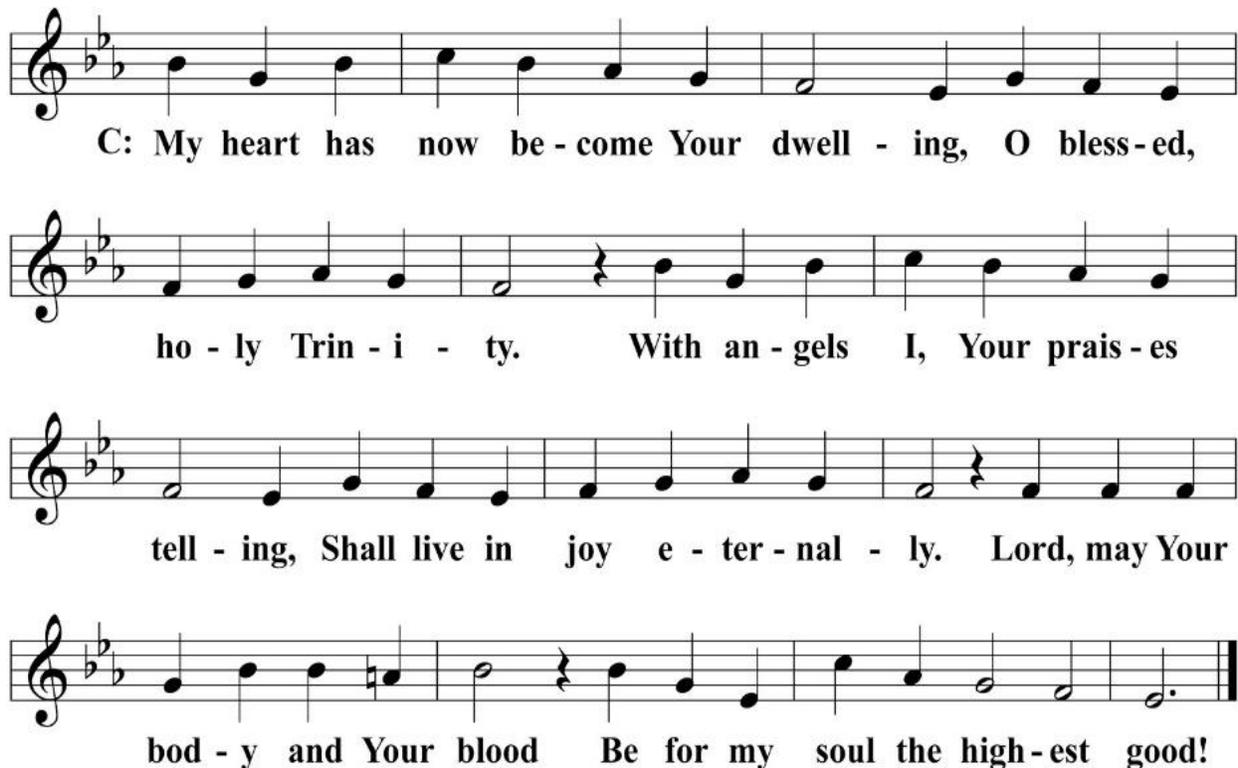
Nunc Dimittis - sing

1. O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn #660
I'm But Stranger Here

1. I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert dread,
Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

2. What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.

3. There at my Savior's side
Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified,
Heav'n is my home;
There are the good and blest,
Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest,
Heav'n is my home.

4. Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

Silent Prayer

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