



## Serving God's People At The Liturgies

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| Preaching and Presiding<br>Organist |                         | The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM<br>Matthew T. Blaise |
| Assisting Ministers                 | 8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m. | Kristen Stewart<br>John Bricker                      |
| Cantor                              |                         | Connie Lochbaum                                      |
| Ushers                              | 8:30 a.m.               | Georgia & Donald Rehm                                |

## The Parish Staff

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## From the Broader Church and Community

**2020 BISHOP'S CONVOCATION:** The annual Bishop's Convocation will be offered digitally this year, on Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 from 9 a.m. until Noon. You are welcome to join for all sessions or just for one day of the event. This year's Convocation includes worship led by Bishop James Dunlop, two keynote presentations, and Q&A with the presenters. The event is be offered at NO CHARGE. Visit the synod website at: <https://www.lss-elca.org/event/2020-bishops-convocation/> for more information and to register for the event.

**HARRISBURG AREA YOUTH INITIATIVE GATHERINGS:** HAYI is meeting in person outdoors (as long as weather permits) every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Once it gets cold, meetings will either go indoors or online. For information about meeting sites, contact HAYI Youth Director Zach Hartman at 717-839-1222.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF CURRENT APPEALS:** Lutheran Disaster Response invites assistance benefitting those affected by Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to assist those affected until the responses are complete. Gifts for "Hurricane Response" may be submitted here: <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?erid=066e9706-02e8-412b-90bb-2d5b2730ecdf&trid=066e9706-02e8-412b-90bb-2d5b2730ecdf>. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" may be submitted here: <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires?erid=bc19bcc0-206d-4288-b597-d19240f818fd&trid=bc19bcc0-206d-4288-b597-d19240f818fd>.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Because of the pandemic, Family Promise is housing families temporarily at the Day Center. Volunteers who typically help with overnight hosting, driving, and meal preparations will not be needed until rotation resumes among the host congregations. In the meantime, there are a number of needs for volunteers at the Day Center. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Angela Mountz at 717-737-1100 to discuss current needs. There have been increased expenses with housing guests at the Day Center 24/7, and with our fundraisers cancelled due to the pandemic any donations are greatly appreciated! Money or checks made out to FPHCR may be place in the offering plate or mailed directly to FPHCR, 56 Erford Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Donations may also be made directly on their website, [www.familypromisehcr.org](http://www.familypromisehcr.org). To receive the weekly Family Promise updates, contact Georgia Rehm.

## Announcements

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

**IN-GATHERING SUNDAY** is next Sunday, October 4. Lutheran World Relief is in urgent need of quilts, school kits, and personal care kits due to the COVID-19 pandemic and severe weather around the world. The following items are needed for the collection—**Personal Care Kits:** light-weight bath-size towels (No larger than 52" x 27") in dark colors, bath size bars of soap in original wrapping (4-5 oz), and metal nail clippers with or without files. **School Kits:** 70 sheet notebooks. **Fabric Kits:** Cotton or cotton blend fabrics 2 1/4 yd. of 60" fabric OR 3 yd. of 44" or 45" fabric OR 4 yd. of 36" fabric AND 1 spool of matching general purpose thread (250-300 yd.). Financial contributions to Lutheran World Relief are also invited. More information about In-Gathering is posted on the Breezeway bulletin board.

**PET BLESSING OCTOBER 4:** Companion animals hold a very special place in our hearts. Our annual pet blessing will be held next Sunday, October 4 in the Rose Garden adjacent to the parking lot. All are invited to join in this opportunity to have your special animal (or animals) blessed, with Pastor Baker presiding.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE:** Informational pamphlets about Good Shepherd and its ministries are available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

**DEVOTIONALS MAILED UPON REQUEST:** Devotional materials available in the Narthex literature racks may be mailed to your home upon request. If you would like to receive *The Upper Room*, *Christ in Our Home*, or *Word in Season* via U.S. Mail, please contact the church office (717-564-0385 or goodshepherdpxtang@gmail.com).

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to receive the list of prayer requests, please contact Edna Hafer or Suzie Crist. We know there is power in prayer, so even when the congregation is not gathered in the building, Good Shepherd members will thankfully lift your prayer requests to God. As we Shelter in Place, may we Shelter in Peace.



## Holy Eucharist Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost Lectionary 26

September 27, 2020  
8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

### Prelude

*The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell and turns to the entrance of the nave.*

*At the entrance of the nave.*

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### Apostolic Greeting

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.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P My sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P You are sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Gathering Song

*God Is Here!*

*To minimize singing, the assembly is invited to pray or hum along with the hymn.*

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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|---|--|
| <p>1 <b>God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.</b></p>    | <p>3 <b>Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.</b></p>      |
| <p>2 <b>Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.</b></p> | <p>4 <b>Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!</b></p> |



## Worship Memorials

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their grandson Matteo's 6th birthday by Sue and John Bricker

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lucille Cale and Dorothy Egenrieder by Roberta and Barry Buskey.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God.

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School has been suspended until further notice.

## Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

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| Spending Proposal Per Week | \$ 3,676.00                                     |
| Total Received             | Figures unavailable at the time of publication. |
| Difference                 |   |

## This Week

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|--|------------|---|
| Today<br>September 27<br>Lectionary 26<br>Pentecost 17 | 8:30 a.m.  | Word and Sacrament (Nave)<br>This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a>                             |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave)   |
| Monday<br>September 28                                 | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scout Troop and Pack 42 (ASH)   |
| Tuesday<br>September 29                                | 9:30 a.m.  | Workshop (ASH)  |
| Wednesday<br>September 30                              | 9:30 a.m.  | Word and Sacrament (Nave)<br>This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live.   |
| Saturday<br>October 3                                  | 10:00 a.m. | DeafCAN! (ASH)  |
|  | 5:00 p.m.  | Word and Sacrament (Nave)   |
| Sunday<br>October 4<br>Lectionary 27<br>Pentecost 18   | 8:30 a.m.  | <b>In-Gathering Sunday</b><br>Word & Sacrament (Nave)<br>This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live with a video link to be posted on <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Word & Sacrament (Nave)   |
|  | 2:00 p.m.  | Pet Blessing (Rose Garden)  |

## Daily Readings

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|----|--|
| M  | Psalm 28, Judges 14:1-20, Philippians 1:3-14                       |
| T  | Psalm 28, Judges 16:1-22, Philippians 1:15-21                      |
| W  | Psalm 28, Judges 16:23-31, Matthew 9:2-8                           |
| Th | Psalm 80:7-15, Jeremiah 2:14-22, Colossians 2:16-23                |
| F  | Psalm 80:7-15, Jeremiah 2:23-37, Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a       |
| Sa | Psalm 80:7-15, Jeremiah 6:1-10, John 7:40-52                       |
| Su | Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46 |

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

### Entrance Antiphon

**P** O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will.

**C** **But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness. (Daniel 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42) .**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Psalm

**Psalm 25: 1-9**

*Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)*

*The refrain will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly.*

*The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses in bold. The refrain is then repeated as indicated **R**.*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### Silent Prayer and Dismissal

**A** The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister will dismiss and greet the congregation by pew, starting at the font. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.*

### Postlude

Material from the following sources is acknowledged: Graphic, Introduction, Invocation, Greeting, Prayer of the Day, First Reading, Psalm Refrain, Psalm Tone, Psalm, Second Reading, Glory to you, Praise to you, Gospel, Offering Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal from SundaysAndSeasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20731. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you  
and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C Amen.

### Sending Song

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*To minimize singing, the assembly is invited to pray or hum along with the hymn.*

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MORNING HYMN

- 1 **Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.**
- 2 **All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
and hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.**
- 3 **Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with thyself my spirit fill.**
- 4 **Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.**
- 5 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### Psalm refrain



### Psalm tone



- <sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the  
day long.
- <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of  
your good- | ness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way. R

## First Reading

## Philippians 2: 1-13

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

A A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

## Prayer After Communion

### Song After Communion

*O Blessed Spring (verses 3 through 5)*

*The assembly stands.*

*To minimize singing, the assembly is invited to pray or hum along with the hymn.*

**ELW 447**

BERGLUND

- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
be praised for this blest mystery:  
that word and water thus revive  
and join us to your Tree of Life.

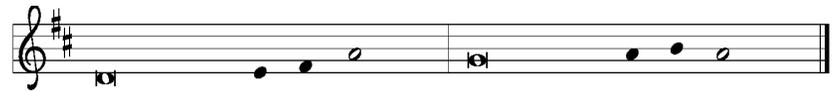
### Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.*

Verse Tone



Cantor



*Open our | hearts, O Lord,\* to give heed to what is said | by your Son.*

## Gospel

### Matthew 21: 23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Lamb of God

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Invitation To Communion

P This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Communion Of The Faithful

*All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

*At this time, we will be using the wafer only; Pastor will be masked and will sanitize prior to distribution; Pastor will come to the pews (using the empty pew between the worshippers); congregants may sit or kneel; congregants are encouraged to wear masks for Pastor's safety; Pastor will place the wafer in the communicant's hand; and, once Pastor has moved on, congregant can pull down mask and consume the wafer.*

## Music During Distribution

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

*At the Presiding Minister's invitation, "...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "with all your saints in light."*

C **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

ELW p.163

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to profess the faith.*

## Profession of Faith

### The Apostles' Creed

ELW p. 105

C **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 power of 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**

## Prayers Of The People

*Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, the R3 team, and our special concerns.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:*

C **Amen.**

## Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

### C And also with you.

Worshippers will stay in place, speaking a word of peace, nodding, smiling, using the peace sign, using American Sign Language, touching their hearts, etc.

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: Peace be with you.

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### Offertory

#### Offertory Song

*O Blessed Spring (verses 1 and 2)*

*The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.*

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- O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine: here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.**
- Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears, sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.**



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

### Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

### C Blessed be God forever!

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

### C Blessed be God forever!

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### C Amen.