



17th Sunday after Pentecost

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Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Prelude

Joys & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

P. God our comforter:

C. like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

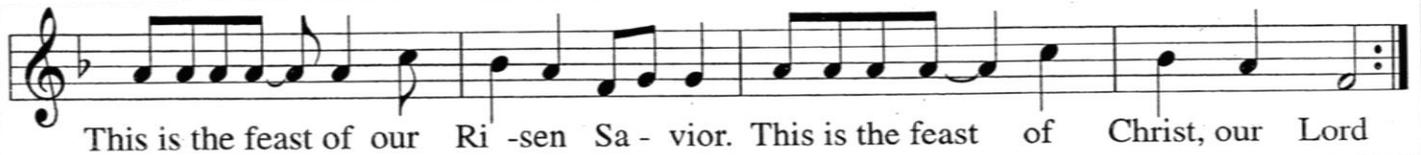
All Are Welcome

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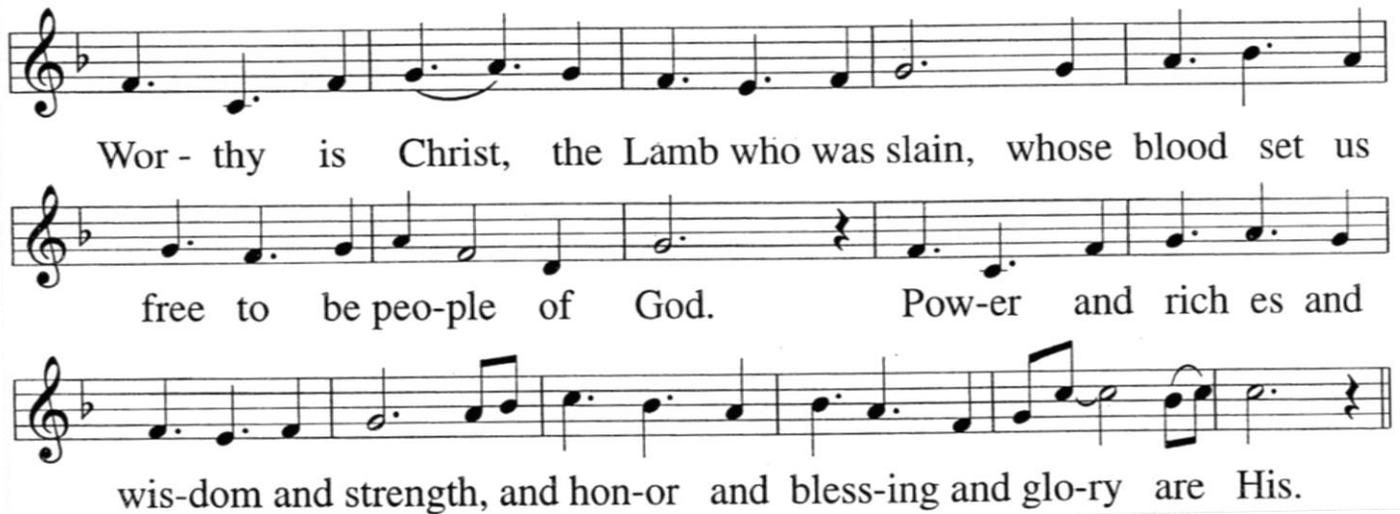
P. Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you

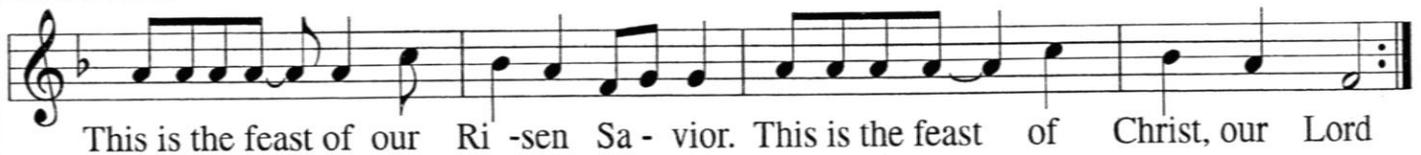
This is the Feast



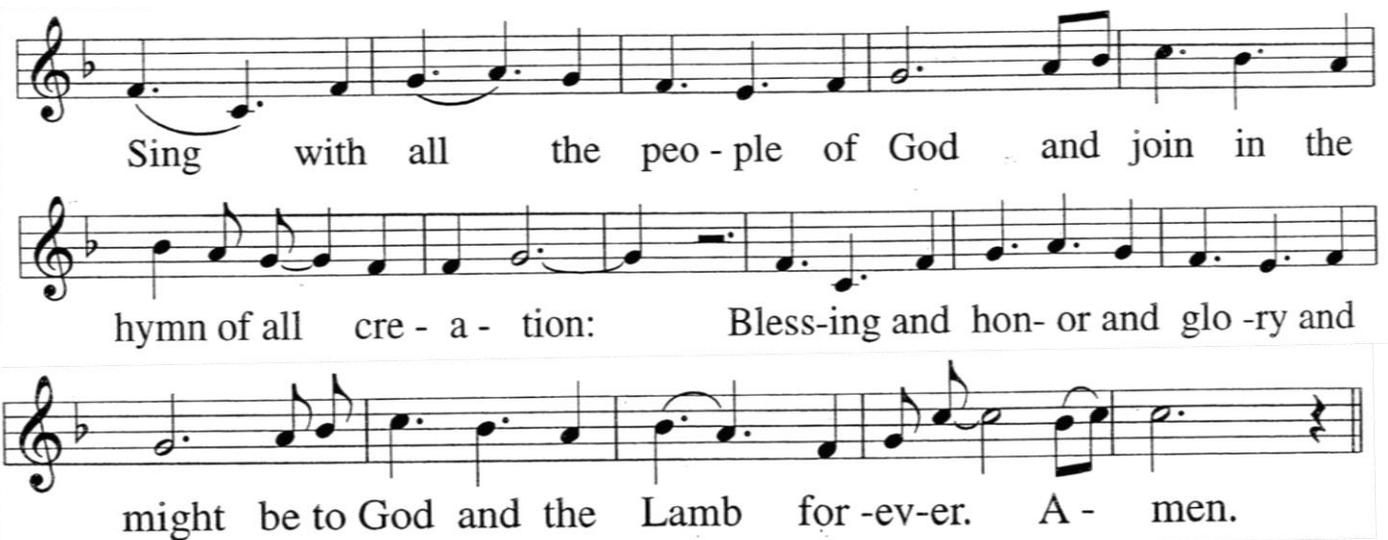
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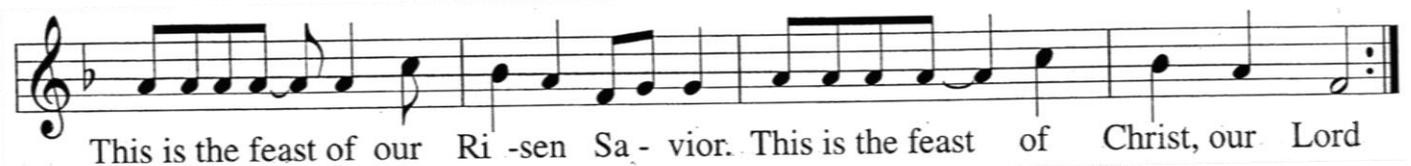
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich es and
wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon- or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .

. . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!



For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le



lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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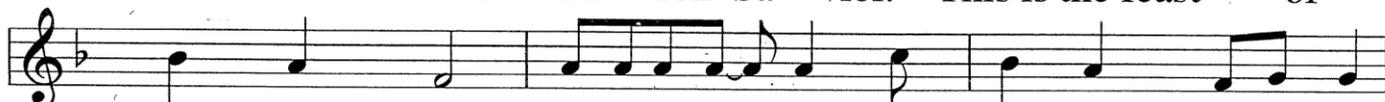
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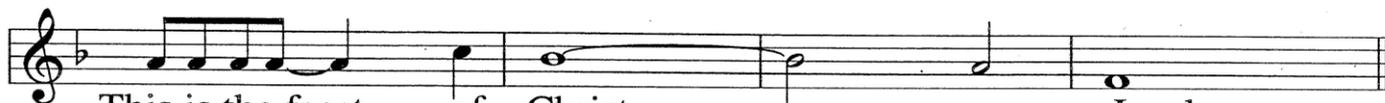
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This is the feast of Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

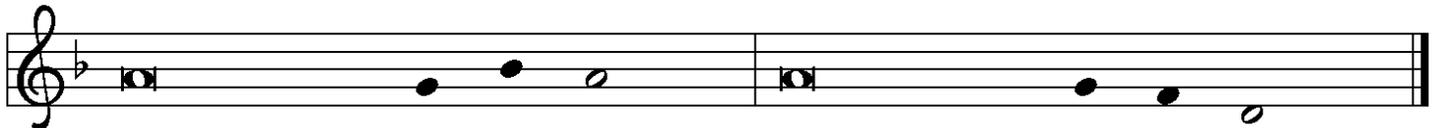
C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 54

(tone #9)

chanted responsively



Save me, O God, ¹ by your name;
in your might, de- ¹ fend my cause.

**Hear my ¹ prayer, O God;
give ear to the words ¹ of my mouth.**

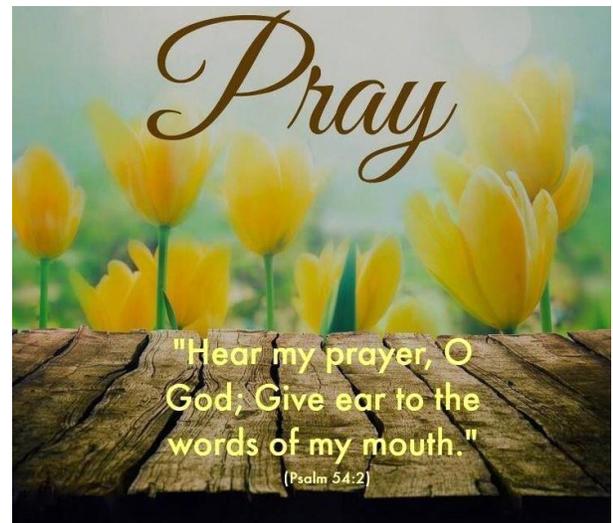
For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have ¹ sought my life,
those who have no re- ¹ gard for God.

**Behold, God ¹ is my helper;
it is the Lord who sus- ¹ tains my life.**

Render evil to those who ¹ spy on me;
in your faithful- ¹ ness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a ¹ freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for ¹ it is good.**

For you have rescued me from ¹ every trouble,
and my eye looks down ¹ on my enemies.



Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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. Al-le- lu -ia.

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter Nine.

If anyone
would be first,
he must be
last of all
and servant of all.

Mark 9:35



Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



P. The Gospel of the Lord



Sermon

"Who Is Wise and Understanding Among You?"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Golden Breaks the Dawn

ELW 852

Apostle's Creed



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.
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

P. Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake.

Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.



The Offering

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen

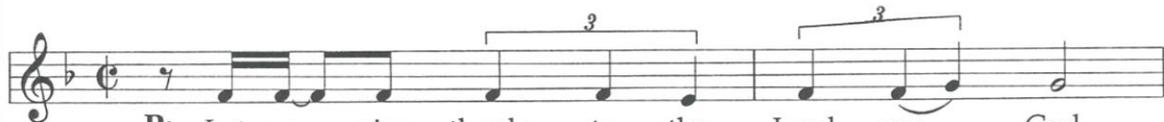
The Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al- so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

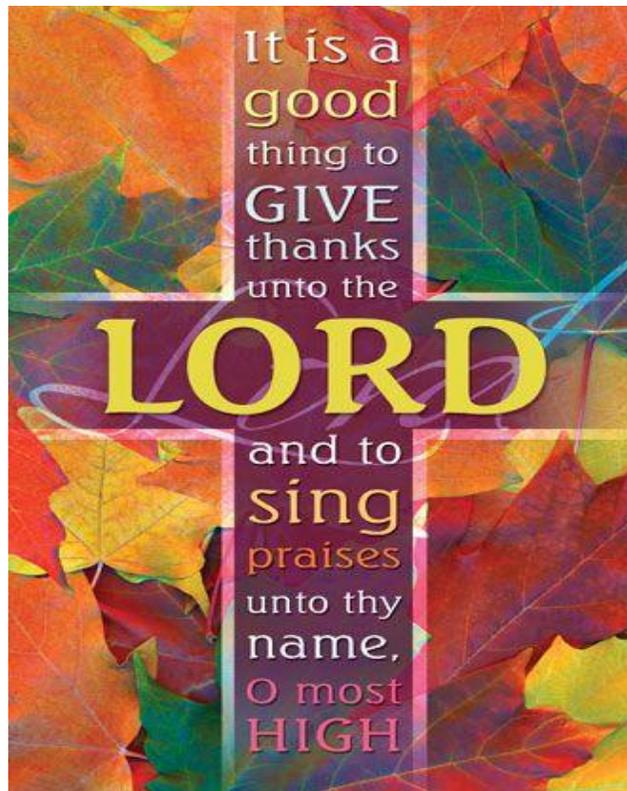


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

- P.** It is indeed right and salutary ...
join in their unending hymn:



The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might: heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
slower san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless-ed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est

Words of Institution



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

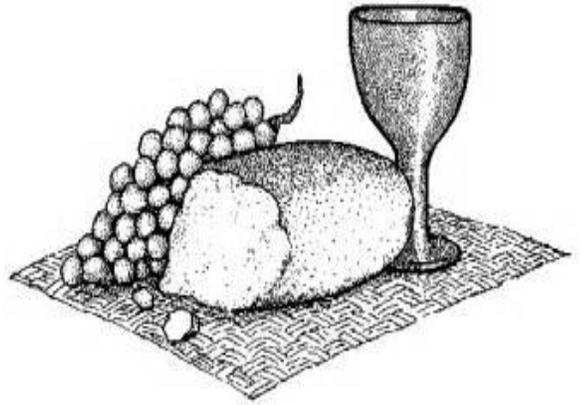
Invitation to Communion

P. All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

C. Amen.

P. The body of Christ broken for you. (Congregants eat the bread.)

P. The blood of Christ shed for you. (Congregants drink the wine.)



Lamb of God

slowly

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

Communion Hymns

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

Strengthen for Service, Lord

ELW 497

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and preserve us with His Grace and Peace.

C. Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry - one what
God has done. Let ev-'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name.
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peop - ple
forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al -
le - lu - ia.

Al-le-lu-ia!

Post Communion Prayer

P. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Benedictus

Presider
The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Congregation
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.

Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to

The Lord make his face shine on you

you. The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and

and be gra-cious to you. The

give you peace. A - men.

Lord look up-on you with fa - vor and give you peace. A - men.

Sending Hymn

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C. Thanks be to God.



Servers for Sunday, September 19th

Assisting Minister Alecia Harrison
Reader Mary Cook
Altar Guild Helen Holderman
Greeters/Counters Linda Garoutte / Tess Andrews
Usher Steve Brantley
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Candles for the month of September are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in honor of their children's baptisms.



Flowers this week are provided by the Flower Fund.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

Upcoming Events

Camp Agapé Dinner Club: September 21 & October 26 (Meal served 6:30 pm)

Reserve your seats for these special socially distanced re-gatherings!

September 21st Dinner Club meal prepared by the camp's own fabulous cook, Ms. Ann, and served outside! Menu features BBQ Pork & BBQ Chicken with all the sides you love plus banana pudding for dessert! October's menu TBD. Contact Kyle today to reserve your seats! (919) 552-9421 or agape@agapekurebeach.org

Reservations requested by the 10th

It's that time of year again!

The time where your past treasures become someone else's exciting new find.

It's Yard Sale time!! Our annual yard sale will take place on **September 25th** from 7 am to Noon. So, start gathering all those treasures that you want to part with!

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!

