

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***GATHERING HYMN** *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”* Hymn #771

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ have mercy.

R: Christ have mercy.

C: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

*GLORY TO GOD



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

L: A reading from Genesis.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 (*sung responsively*)

Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!*

Happy the people he has chosen to | be his own!

The LORD looks | down from heaven,*

and beholds all the people | in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he | turns his gaze*

on all who dwell | on the earth.

He fashions all the | hearts of them*

and understands | all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a | mighty army;*

a strong man is not delivered by | his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope | for deliverance;*

for all its strength it | cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon | those who fear him,*

on those who wait up- | on his love,

to pluck their | lives from death,*

and to feed them in | time of famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoic- | es in him,*

for in his holy name we | put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,*

as we have put our | trust in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

L: A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 12:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymn #638

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one 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 and for our salvation
came down from heaven**

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;**

Our heads are raised.

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 will 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 worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic 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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: In receiving the gift of faith, we are called to obedience, to hope, and to be ready to welcome Christ at any hour. Let us intercede for others with a sense of that faith.

A brief silence.

A: For bishops, pastors, and deacons who serve and lead the household of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For world leaders, who one day must give an account of their work to God, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For respect and care for God's creation in the environment, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For faith that looks forward to an eternal city "founded, designed, and built by God," let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For all who have died in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Eternal Father, we do not know the day or hour when your Son will return as judge. Look upon our prayers as signs of faith in his coming. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***PRESENTATION HYMN**

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn #491
Verses 1 and 2

***OFFERING PRAYER**

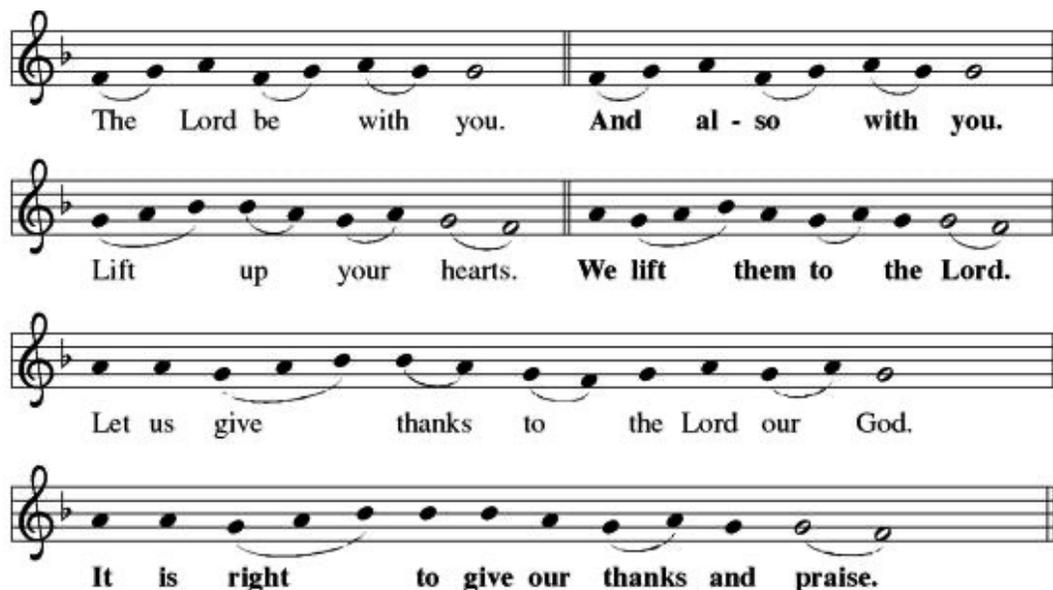
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: God of power, giver of the gifts we bring, accept the offering of your Church and make it the sacrament of your salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

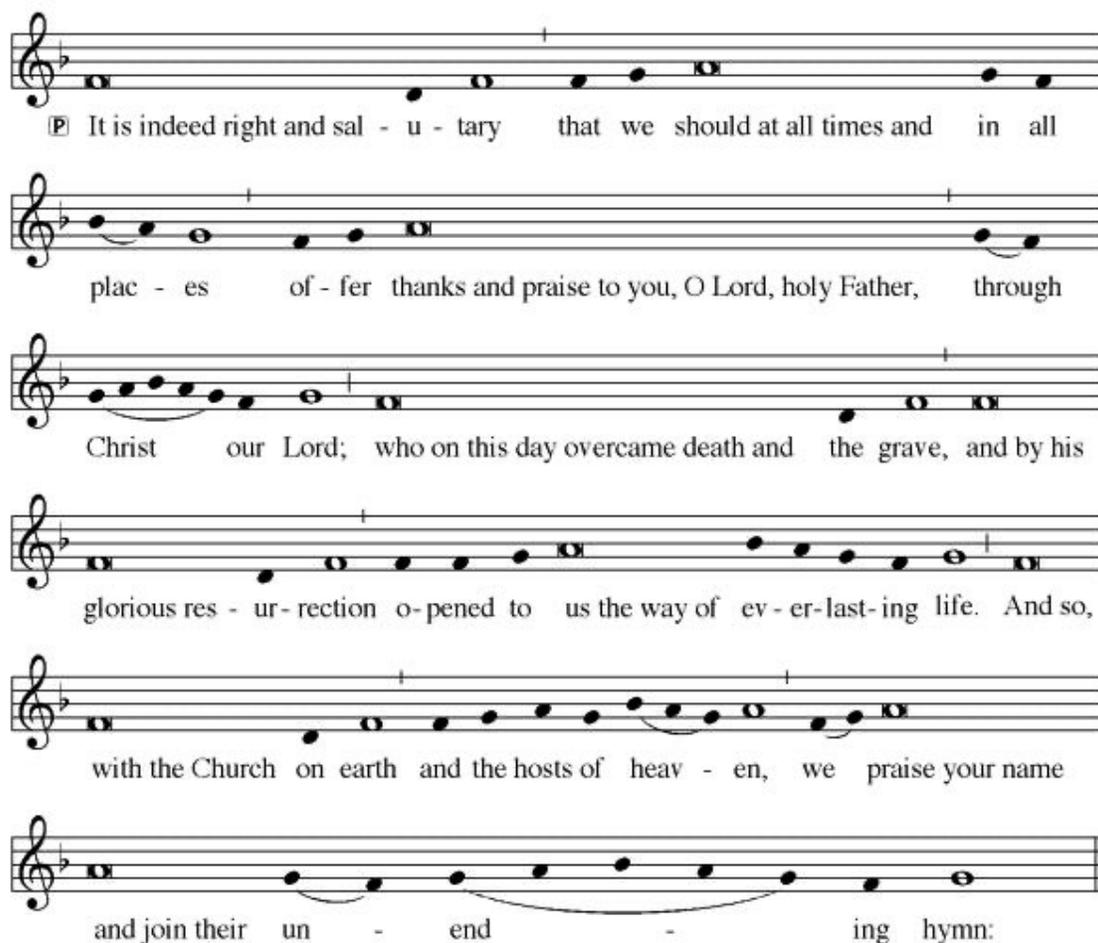
R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious res - ur - rection o - pened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

C: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.
Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy,
so that they may become for us
the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:

this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:

this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be
forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**R: 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.**

C: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: Amen.

***PEACE**

C: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles; I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

R: Amen.

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*FRACTION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Hymn #764

"Many and Great, O God"

Hymn #837

Please rise at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, may the eucharist you give us bring us your grace and keep us faithful to the light of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

Hymn #856

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. Jerry Kliner, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Gen Whitehaus
Lector	Nadine Espenshade
Acolyte	Mary Shellenberger
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Rich & Nadine Espenshade
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Brenda Frye
Acolyte	Gabe Gonzales
Communion Assistant	Carol Gordon
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*June 30, 2022*)

2022 Approved Budget \$255,000

Income: \$116,026.50	Love of Family 2022 Contributions: \$765
Expenses: \$121,522.55	Local Food Pantry 2022 Contributions: \$1,516
	Capital Improvement 2022 Contributions: \$2,995
	Abiding Memorial Fund: \$940

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Crist Espenshade.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith.
This month we remember *Shane Gordon, Frances Lingle, Robert Schlott.*

Join the Lower Susquehanna Synod at PeoplesBank Park (York Revolutions Stadium) on August 20 at 6:30pm. 50% of each ticket purchased will be donated to the mission of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We will be joining Christ Lutheran Church (Elizabethtown) and St. John Lutheran Church (Hoernerstown) to have box seats and advertising for our parishes at the game. Ticket cost is \$15 for admission and meal ticket - please sign up in the Narthex.

*****ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS (Assistants and Acolytes)** we will be having a training session followed by brunch after Worship on August 14. If you serve as an Assistant, currently serve as an Acolyte, or are a student in our Children/Youth Sunday School you are highly encouraged to attend. We will practice all of the various duties associated with leading Worship and finish our training with a fun Procession Relay Race. Those who wish to volunteer in these capacities are most welcome to attend as well. Please RSVP to the Church Office by August 10.***

We are again gathering items for our teachers. There are many items that are helpful in their classrooms. These are just a few. Tissues, hand sanitizer, expo dry erase markers, any size "Ziploc" bags, pencils, and markers. Anything you may contribute is greatly appreciated.

This week at Shells:

Aug 7 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism of Troy David Wiltraut

Aug 9 at 6:30pm- Parish Council Meeting

Aug 11 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist at St. John Hoernerstown
Feast of St. Clare

Aug 14 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship Assistant Training with brunch

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