
✠ TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 31, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS
LBW #251, STANZAS 1-3

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ the God of manna, the God of mercy, the God of miracles.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting in the power of God's unending love, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: Lord, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you our failure to love. We come to you broken. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Fill us with your love.**

WL: Christ, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you the failings of our strength. We come to you tired, worried, and dispirited. Renew us with your power that we might serve you with joy.**

WL: Lord, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you the failings of our faith. We are shaken, and our fear crowds out your still small voice. Inspire us to trust in you and to walk in your way of death and resurrection.**

WL: Beloved people, hear the words of the Apostle Paul: "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, everything is made new." (2 Cor 5:17) "We have been buried with Christ, in our baptism, sharing in his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS
LBW #251, STANZA 4

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

PROVERBS 25:2-10

R: Our first lesson on this 12th Sunday after Pentecost is from the 25th chapter of Proverbs.

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.

Remove the dross from the silver,
and a silversmith can produce a vessel;
remove wicked officials from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through righteousness.

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes
do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?

If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 13:1-17

R: The Second lesson is from the 13th chapter of Hebrews.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? LBW SETTING 1, PAGE 62

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.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 14:1-14

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✝ HYMN

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

TUNE: IN BABILONE

**As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**

**Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy**

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: **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.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

✠ COMMUNION HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LBW #165

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. You have strengthened us at your table with these gifts of the earth. Send us boldly forth, that we may share your abundance and work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

ON OUR WAY REJOICING
LBW #260

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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