
≈ TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ≈

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 16, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✙ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✙ GATHERING HYMN OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES
LBW #559

✙ INVOCATION

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

All: **Amen.**

✙ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Trusting in the love of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and confession

WL: Compassionate God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. You reach out your arms to expand your embrace. We build walls to keep people out. You listen to the cries of those in pain and need. We close our ears to their pleas. Forgive us, God. Turn us, to follow your way of love and welcome.**

WL: Beloved children of God, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, who gave up his life for us, your sins are forgiven. Go now in faith, walking the way of Jesus, renewed to live as servants who boldly share the love of Christ with all.

All: **Amen.**

✙ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

R: Our first lesson on this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 56th chapter of Isaiah.

This is what the Lord says:

Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.

The Sovereign Lord declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32

R: The Second lesson is from the 11th chapter of Romans.

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

GOD WELCOMES ALL

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

The cantor will sing each verse

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MATT. 15:21-28

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

DAVID LUDWIG

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

TILL THE NIGHT IS O'ER
BY DAVID LUDWIG

Till the night is o'er, Till the fear is past,
Till the poor and lost have a home at last
Till the captives all have been set free,
Till the ones oppressed know Jubilee,
Let us lift our eyes,
Look to the East,
Unbar the gates,
Prepare a feast,
And with the lame, the blind, the poor,
Await God's justice at the open door,
Till Christ is present . . . and the night is o'er.

See! The night is o'er, And the fear is past,
Where the poor and lost find a home at last,
Where the captives all, unbound and free,
With the ones oppressed live Jubilee,
Right before our eyes,
Not in some East,
But within the gates,
Within the feast,
Within the lame, the blind, the poor,
Within the justice of the open door,
There Christ is present . . . and the night is o'er.

Come and lift your voice, Let us live the song,
For the night is o'er when the fear is gone.
We are captives, all, till all are free,
Till the ones oppressed sing Jubilee,
Till we turn our eyes
Both West and East,
Walk through the gates
and share the feast
set by the lame, the blind, the poor,
God's feast of justice and the open door,
Where Christ is present . . . and the night is o'er.

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us 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.

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COMMUNION HYMN

NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION
LBW #203

✝ 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. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

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

IN CHRIST THERE IS
NO EAST OR WEST
LBW #359

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY



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GOD WELCOMES ALL

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