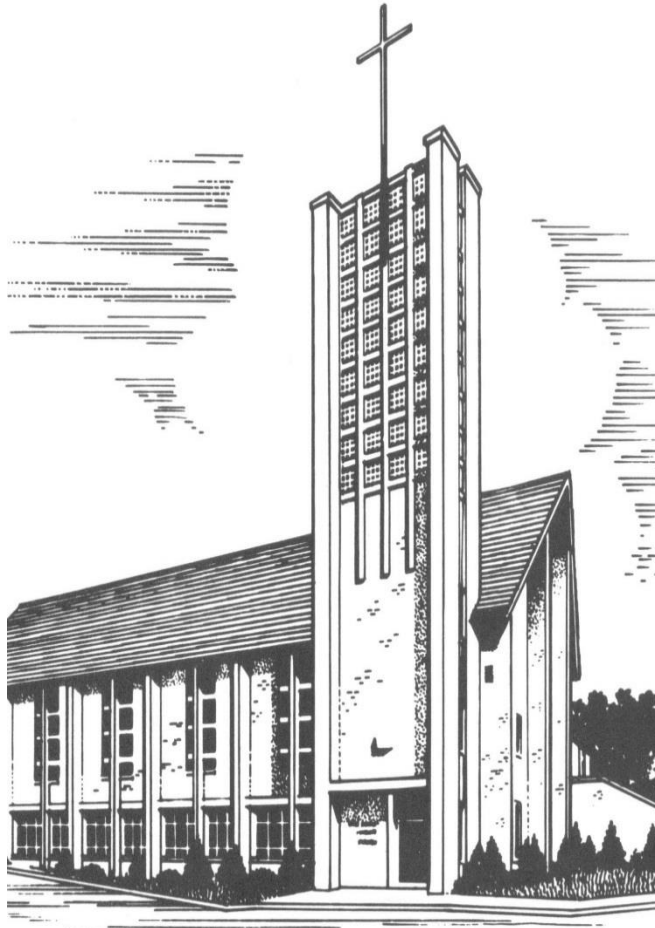


THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PREPARATION SONGS

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION *(Stand)* “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Joshua 24:15, 18–19, 24

P As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

C **We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.**

P But you are not able to serve the Lord.

C **The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.**

P Then let us return to the covenant of our Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Kneel)*

C I confess to almighty God our Father that I have sinned by allowing other things to become more important to me than God. I have trusted more in myself, my possessions, my works, and my own desires. I confess that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore I pray that He come to me in His Word and Spirit to forgive me and enlighten and keep me in the true faith. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy on you and has come to you in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For the sake of His death and resurrection for you, God forgives you all your sins and gives you the strength of faith to serve Him in all faithfulness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

P Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P Great are the works of the Lord,

C studied by all who delight in them.

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C and His righteousness endures forever.

P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C the Lord is gracious and merciful.

P He provides food for those who fear Him;

C He remembers His covenant forever.

P He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

C Holy and awesome is His name!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 44

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Sit)*

Joshua 24:1–2, 14–18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among

all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (*Sermon Text*)

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE (*Stand*)

John 6:68

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P *Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.*

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51–69

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

“Let it Rise”

(Davis)

1. The Praise Team sings all the way through;
2. Then the Congregation sings all the way through

Let the glory of the Lord Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord Rise among us
Let the praises of the King Rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord Rise among us
Let the joy of the King Rise among us
Let it rise

Oh let it rise; Oh let it rise

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SERMON

“Night and Day” based on the Epistle reading

NICENE CREED *(Stand)*

OFFERING *(Sit)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Lord God our Father, we praise You for the gift of salvation and life by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Because of our total helplessness, we especially thank You for the very faith with which we receive and hold fast Your promises. Continue to strengthen our faith. Enable us to serve You with the praise of our lips and our service to our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Be pleased to shine the light of Your love and salvation on all people through the service of Your people, the Church. Bless and enable all preachers of

Your Word to boldly call out to all, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Awaken and guide all earthly rulers to lead people in the ways of peace and justice that Your Word may be preached and taught freely among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us spiritual understanding and faith in Jesus as the living bread that came down from heaven, that believing in and receiving Him both through His Word and the Supper of His body and blood, we may live forever now and at the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Surround with Your healing, saving grace all who are in doubt or disbelief, those who are troubled, those who are distracted by the cares of life, those who are ill, and those who mourn. Draw them to the true light of life who came to seek and to save all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, Lord of life, for all those who have served You with their lives in this world and have gone before us with the sign of faith. You have the words of eternal life; You are the one, holy God. Bring us to be with them in our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who won our peace by shedding His blood on the cross and by His victorious resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

TUNE: LSB 389

Hosanna to the King of Kings, To David's holy son!
He helps us, He descends and brings Salvation from the throne.
Salvation from the throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes to us With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name To save our sinful race.
To save our sinful race.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" LSB 812

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "For He was slain for us."

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Sit)*

(Praise Team) "Come to the Bread of Life" BOTB 40

Come to the bread of life. Come, come to the wine.
The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast.

Come to the bread of life. Come, come to the wine.
The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast.

He died so that we might live. He suffered for our sin.
He was lifted up as the prophets foretold.

On the right hand of God He was seated.

Come to the bread of life. Come, come to the wine.
The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast.

Come, all of you, quench your thirst and be filled with His
blood.

The bread that we break is the body of Christ,
and together we nourish our bodies and souls.

Come to the bread of life. Come, come to the wine.
The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast.

Come all of you, young and old, come peasant and come king.
The Lord welcomes all, be you sinner or saint,
be you weary or naked or suff'ring or alone.

Come to the bread of life. Come, come to the wine.
The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast.

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789

“Pass it On”

AGPS 196

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around can warm up it it's glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,
You spread His love to ev'ryone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is Spring When all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him It matters not where you're bound.

I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me; I want to pass it on.

I'll shout it from the mountain top. I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me. I want to pass it on.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(Stand)*

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks, Lord our God, for You have again refreshed us on our pilgrim way. Grant us to live each day in this blessed land as citizens of Your kingdom of grace until we enter the Promised Land in which faith has turned to sight; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord your God has saved you from the slavery of sin and preserved you in all your ways.

C **Amen.**

P He has given you faith to believe and His Son's very body and blood to give you life.

C **Amen.**

P Understand what the will of the Lord is, and be filled with the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and go with you now and all your days.

C **Amen.**

God will make a way Where there seems to be no way
 He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me
 He will be my guide, Hold me closely to His side
 With love and strength For each new day
 He will make a way, He will make a way

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 He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me
 He will be my guide, Hold me closely to His side
 With love and strength For each new day
 He will make a way, He will make a way

By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me
 And rivers in the desert will I see
 Heaven and earth will fade But His Word will still remain
 He will do something new today

God will make a way Where there seems to be no way
 He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me
 He will be my guide, Hold me closely to His side
 With love and strength For each new day
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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Maribeth Esteep; 10:45 a.m. Bonnie Griffith;
 6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner) 9:30 a.m. Both servers

Attendance: 8/9/15 (8:00 a.m. 70, 10:45 a.m. 70); 8/10/15 6:30 p.m. 15

*Flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory, of
 John & Louise Hecht, by their daughter, Eleanor.*