

Coffee hour at 11am after service via Zoom

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*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2020*

*Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all of our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

We have been created in the image of God.

**We are created to love our brothers and sisters, all children of God.**

Christ has taught us to love one another.

**And we are called to share that love with the world.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**Almighty God, we confess that at times we ignore You and Your ways because we are afraid of being rejected by others. We fail to do justice and loving-kindness; we forget to walk humbly with You. We fall into the ways of the world and look to our own gain instead of the well-being of others. Forgive us. Call us back to hear Your call of justice. Help us to listen to the prophets among us. Guide us back to living in Your ways, even when it is unpopular, even if we face ridicule. Lead us in the path of right-living. Amen**

There is nothing God will not do for us. Christ went to the cross so that we might know that life is eternal. You are forgiven, renewed and restored - live, and help others to live with the knowledge that God loves us all. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song #786 ELW vs 1 & 2 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"**

Oh Holy Spirit enter in,  
and in our hearts your work begin,  
and make our hearts your dwelling,  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
around and in us brightly shine,  
your strengthen us upwelling.  
In your radiance life from heaven  
now is given overflowing,  
gift of gifts, beyond all knowing.

Left to ourselves, we surely stray; oh  
lead us on the narrow way,  
with wisest council guide us;  
and give us steadfastness,  
that we may follow you forever free,  
no matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those hearts now broken;  
give some token you are near us,  
whom we trust to light and cheer us.

**Greeting**

From God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lord . . . Have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Lord . . . Have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 ☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 ☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 ☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.  
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Oh God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### WORD

**First Reading** Isaiah 51:1-6

*(after the reading)* Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** Psalm 138; refrain, Ps. 138:8

**Second Reading** Romans 12:1-8

*(after the reading)* Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20**

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day #654 vs. 2 & 5 ELW "The Church's One Foundation"**

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

## Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in the God of Life, who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is our brother, who wants not to be idolized but to be followed. We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit and filled with God's Spirit we are able to become creative, lively, and free. We believe in the whole church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith, through worship, prayer, and service. We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place. We believe in living, hoping, laughing and enjoying the good of the earth; we believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wonderful home you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant us healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved in trouble or adversity, or sick and in the need of care especially Ed, Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Sam, Kay, Bridget, Betty, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Miriam, Audra, Barb, & friends and family of Lyle. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us into this community, in which we, through many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Share with those around you a sign of God's Peace.

## Meal

### Offering & Hymn #685 1-4 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

### Offering Prayer

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you. Sometimes we find your call challenging. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus name, we pray. **Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.** It is indeed... We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en 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.

### Words of Consecration

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Communion Hymn #820 vs. 1 & 3 ELW “O Savior, Precious Savior”**

O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
We worship thee;  
We bless thee,  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our Holy Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth,  
all grace and power divine;  
the glory that excelleth.  
O Son of God is thine.  
We worship thee,  
we bless thee.  
To thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our glorious Lord and King.

**Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. And may the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song #652 vs. 2 & 3 ELW “Built on a Rock”**

Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the Most High is not dwelling—  
high in the heavens his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet God who dwells in heav’n above  
designs to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation:  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.

**Dismissal**      Go in Peace. Christ is your courage and hope. **Thanks be to God!**

**Birthdays—Sunday August 23—John Klungness  
Thursday August 27—Peter Georgeson**

**Anniversaries—Richard and Bev Mueller—38 years**