

Twelfth Sunday After *Pentecost*

Holy Communion

August 20, 2023 | 9:30am



* Congregational responses in **bold**

Gathering Music

Paeon

Craig Phillips

Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for Reflection

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (Stanzas 1-3)

ELW 712

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in Heaven

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Prayer of the Day

God who embraces the heartbroken, foreigner, and outcast, your arms reach out, uplifting those who call upon you. Fill us today with audacious faith that draws others to you and invites your healing. And bless us with compassion and kinship; energizing us, as a force of contagious love in your world. In the Spirit and name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join 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, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9,14-21.

May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

**May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior

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Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

Hymn of the Day

We Come to You for Healing, Lord (Stanzas 1-3 & 5)

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Thanks for Your Generosity | Sharing of the Peace

Music at the Offering

Meditation

Betty Jackson King

Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response)

Holy Communion

Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymn

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW 658

ELW 468

Communion Blessing

Sending Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

Blessing and Sending

**Go in peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music

Fanfare on McKee

Charles Callahan

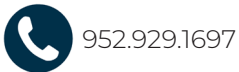
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Busy Bags filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

Bulletins & Coloring Sheets are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors.

Noisy Offering

Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response. This offering supports the Sunday School Ministry and is collected every Sunday.

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