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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather

“All are welcome!” Is that true at our church? Historically, it rarely is true. In the gospels, the average Jewish person would have thought it odd, even offensive, if someone who wasn’t an Israelite walked into their place of worship. Taking it a step further, some of the Jewish religious leaders would imply that church was meant for those who zealously followed religious customs and traditions. Those were “good church folk.” So church was meant for people of the right heritage and who behaved the right way. What about us? Is it conceivable that a stranger could walk into our church and for some reason you would ask yourself, “What is someone like that doing here?” Or, just perhaps, you are asking that question about yourself? “There are some seemingly godly people here. I’m not like them. Do I really belong?”

Today, Jesus shows us that God wants church to be for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ’s Church and cries out, “Lord, have mercy!” is more than welcome.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

20 – God of Mercy, God of Grace

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Gloria to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are: "All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One, Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill." The score ends with a double bar line.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. ⁶ “Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— ⁷ Even them 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 nations.” ⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67

- P** God be merciful to us and bless us,
- C** **And cause His face to shine upon us**
- P** That Your way may be known on earth,
- C** **Your salvation among all nations.**
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God;
- C** **Let all the peoples praise You.**
- P** Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously,
- C** **And govern the nations on earth.**
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God;
- C** **Let all the peoples praise You.**
- P** Then the earth shall yield her increase;
- C** **God, our own God, shall bless us.**
- P** God shall bless us,
- C** **And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” ²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” ²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

248 – Father of Glory, to Thy Name

Sermon Text

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



Sermon

Our Savior Tears Down Walls

Offertory



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

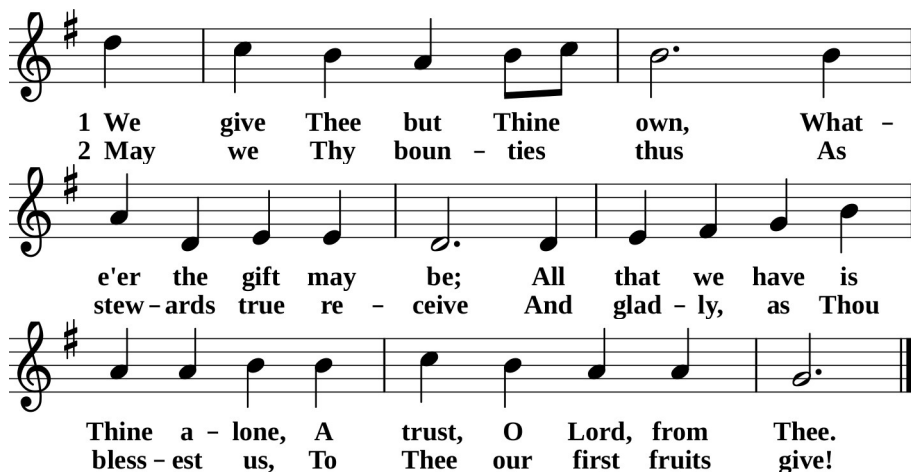
Hymn

351 - Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bles - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

473 (1-2, 4-5) – The Church's One Foundation

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

August 20	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
August 27	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
September 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Board of Elders

Upcoming Meetings: The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- **September 3** – Board of Elders
- **October 1** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **November 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **November 19** – Board of Education
- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters' Meeting

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat: Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such

as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. Go to: <https://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.

CLC Call News: Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD has received the call from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI.

Fruits of Faith	August 13, 2023	Orlando: 13	WH: 25
Immanuel Home		\$1,411.66	
Building		\$5.00	
Property Improvement		\$50.00	
Missions		\$5.00	
Tuition		\$500.00	
ILC Scholarship		\$55.00	
Tuition Grant		\$30.00	
School Fund		\$250.00	
Technology Fund		\$100.00	
Activity Fund		\$50.00	
Sign		\$100.00	
Total		\$2,556.66	

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (6/26): Bernthal Acolyte (6/27): Seth Bernthal

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

August 21 - August 26

Monday: Luke 7:36-50 – The Pharisee who compares himself to the sinful woman concludes that he is not only much better than she is, but that he is also better than the Jesus whom she worships. In a parable, Jesus points out that both he and the woman are debtors (sinful), and it's really all about forgiveness.

Tuesday: Romans 8:33-34 – The treasure of God's kingdom is forgiveness. If God gave up His own Son for our forgiveness, who can still bring those sins against us? Perhaps Jesus Christ, who carried our sin to the cross, could hold it against us that He had to suffer, but look! He is even interceding for us!

Wednesday: Romans 8:35-39 – In this life we face troubles of many kinds, but even the ultimate trouble, death itself, cannot take away the forgiving love of God in Christ which we have been given. The victory is assured before the troubles even show up.

Thursday: Daniel 9:15-16 – The Lord's prophet confesses that Jerusalem, the home of God's chosen people, deserved destruction for their sins, but remembers His "acts of compassion and forgiveness" (v9), including the deliverance from Egypt, and pleads that He would turn His anger and wrath away once more.

Friday: Daniel 9:17-19 – Not only does Daniel seek God's grace, but also His glory. The surrounding nations are laughing at the destruction of the city known as the Lord's. He pleads for forgiveness on the basis of God's great compassion, and restoration of God's name among all people of the world.

Saturday: Matthew 12:9-21 – Jesus has compassion for the man with the withered hand, in contrast to the Pharisees, who show more compassion for their animals. They see only an opportunity to accuse Jesus, and then plot His death (on the Sabbath). Jesus shows compassion toward them by withdrawing.



