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*Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Festive Voluntary"
"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

R. Lau
setting: D. Rotermund

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

LSB 500



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.
- C** **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.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 2:6–7; Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

P But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

G **As for Me, I have set My King on Zion,
My holy hill.**

P I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You,”

G **Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!**

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

G **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 But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



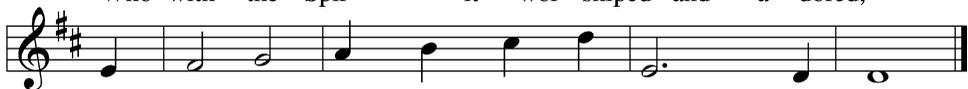
1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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 boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-12:8

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Stand

VERSE

Ephesians 2:19b-20

C **Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Back to School"

Billy Milam

Scripture: Then he asked them, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16 (NIV)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



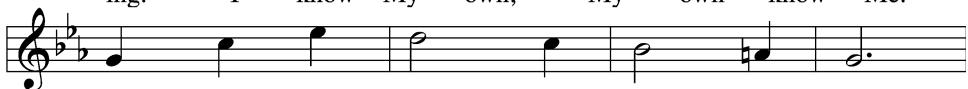
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

SERMON

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high-est

earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
 Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God-head, throne, and might,
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,

Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
 Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His

bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A - - - men, a - - - men. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, invoking the Holy Spirit as we sing the stanzas of the hymn “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” during our time of intercession. The first stanza of the hymn dates back to the thirteenth century; the other three stanzas were written in the sixteenth century by Martin Luther. We sing stanza 1 together.

HYMN

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

LSB 768 st. 1

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
For the true faith need - ed on our way
That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!

- P** We pray for the Church, that God’s people live confidently and share joyfully the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God’s holy people, that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

- C** **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

HYMN

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

LSB 768 st. 2

2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;

Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow

That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry

strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and unknown to us. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

G **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. . . . As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

HYMN

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

LSB 768 st. 3

3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,

Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed

That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the

foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

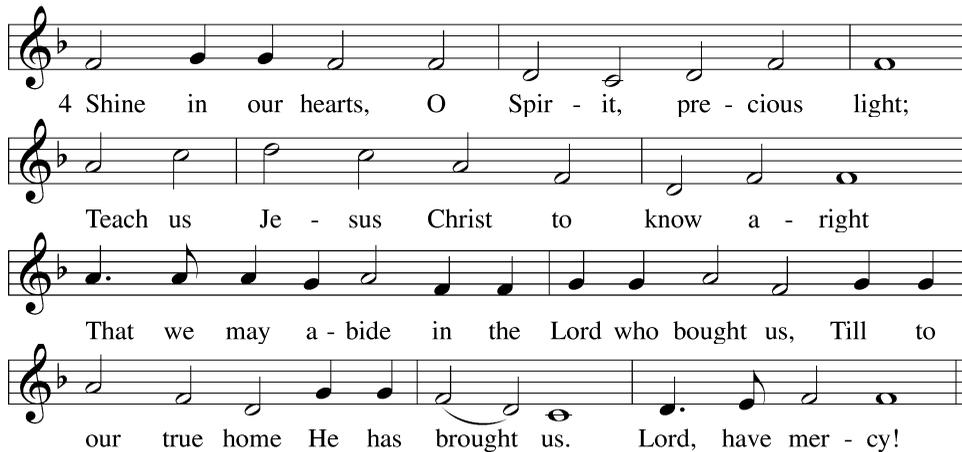
P Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Amen.

C **The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

HYMN

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768 st. 4



4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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.**

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

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

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen.**



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; Quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Built on the Rock"

Arr. E. Broughton

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea

Deaconess: Karen Suter

Organist: Patty Barnes

Trumpet: Susan Messersmith

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