

August 16, 2026

*Twelfth Sunday
after
Pentecost*



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Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

arr. C. Tornquist
setting: T. Shaw

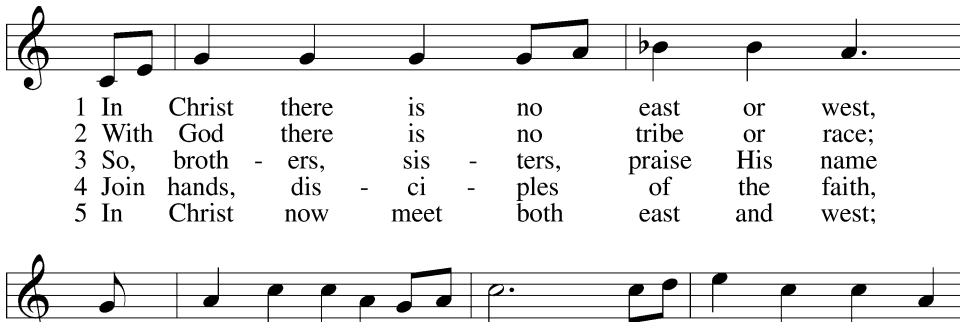
WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

LSB 653



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;

In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
Who died to set us free. From sin, di - vi - sion,
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching 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 unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by

the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Stand

INTROIT

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



P The LORD is the strength of his | people,*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am
helped;* my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

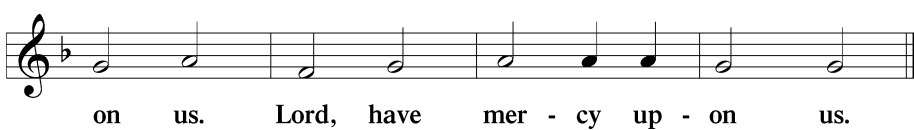
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he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

KYRIE

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



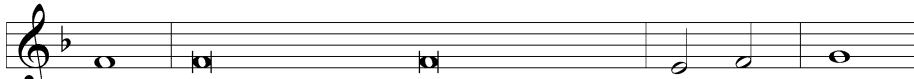
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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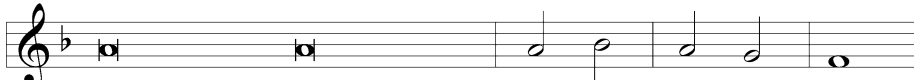
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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



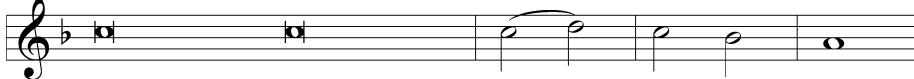
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

56:1, 6–8

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5



C ¹May God be gracious to us and | bless us*

and make his face to shine up- | on us,

²that your way may be | known on earth,*

your saving power among all | nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise you!

⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations up- | on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise you!

⁶The earth has yielded its | increase;*

God, our God, shall | bless us.

⁷God shall | bless us;*

let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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VERSE

P The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

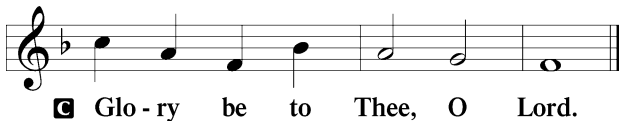
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

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



The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
 dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831



1	"How	shall	they	hear,"	who	have	not	heard
2	"To	all	the	world,"	to	ev	-	'ry
3	"Whom	shall	I	send?"	Who	hears	the	call,
4	"Lord,	here	am	I:"	Your	fire	im	- part
5	Spir	-	it	of	love,	with	-	in
								us
								move:

News of a Lord who loved and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor, cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!

Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove

Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Are Ye Able"

setting: T. Shaw

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

G Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the unity of the Church and harmony among its members; and for our life together in worship, witness, prayer and service to those within and outside of the household of faith, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For our Synod president; for Matthew, our district president; for Bill, our pastor; Richard; our deaconess: Karen and for all church workers and their faithful service to us in Your name, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the homes of God's people, that He would keep them from all harm and danger; and that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of His holy angels, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For the government and those who protect us, that they may keep justice and do righteousness, carrying out their duties in accord with God's will, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and afflicted, those beset with grief and sorrow, pain and any trouble, [*especially* _____], that the Lord would be pleased to answer their cries for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A For those who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar, that these crumbs may strengthen us in faith and love, united with God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that she may steadfastly proclaim the irrevocable gifts and calling of God; that the disobedient may receive mercy; and that those who hear may become branches grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

A Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

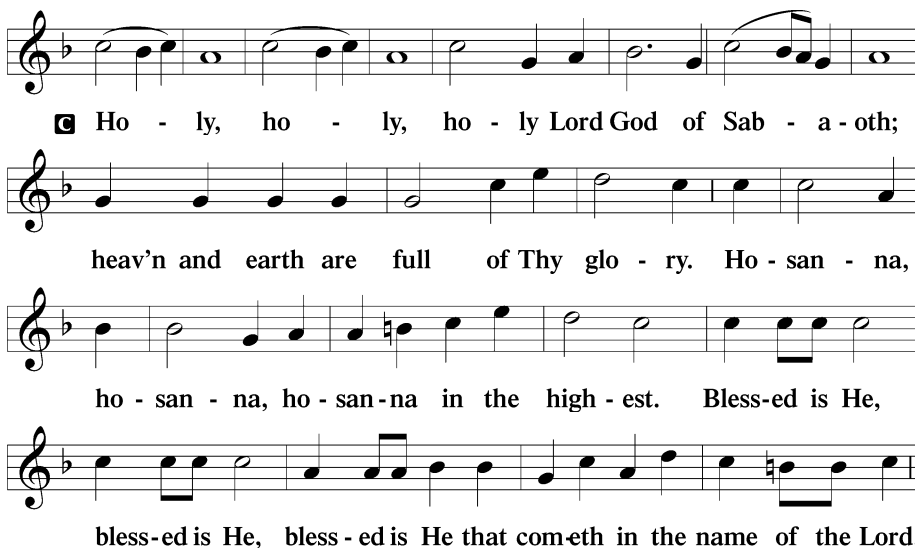


PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 195





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- G** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
 Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- G** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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VOLUNTARY

“God Loved The World So That He Gave”

Setting: W. Wold

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

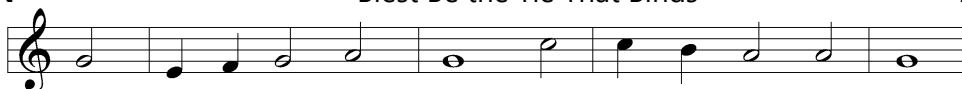
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649



1	Blest	be	the	tie	that	binds	Our	hearts	in	Chris - tian	love;
2	Be -	fore	our	Fa -	ther's	throne	We	pour	our	ar -	dent prayers;
3	We	share	our	mu -	tual	woes,	Our	mu -	tual	bur -	dens bear,
4	When	here	our	path -	ways	part,	We	suf -	fer	bit -	ter pain;
5	From	sor -	row,	toil,	and	pain,	And	sin	we	shall	be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Christ Our Fortress, Christ Our Cornerstone"

C. Beckett

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