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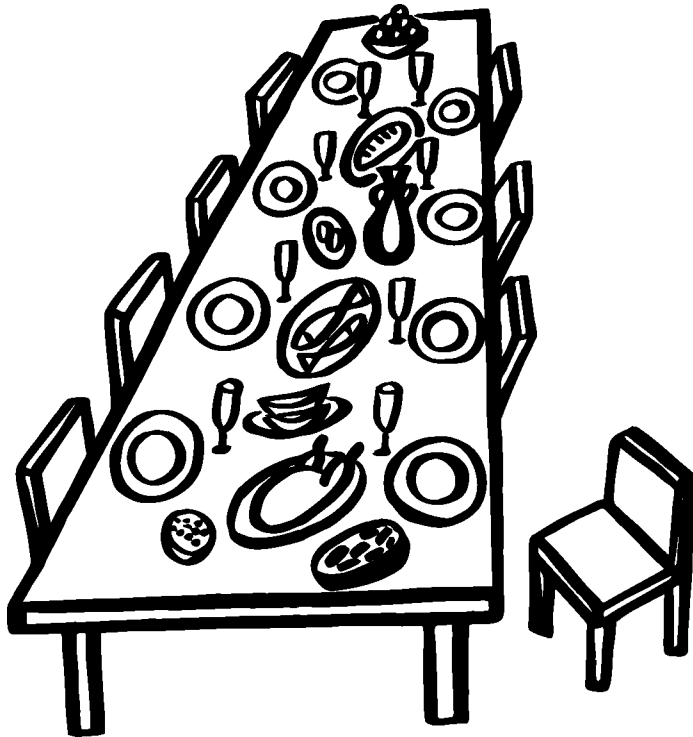
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**A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL
TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS**



12th Sunday after Pentecost
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P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

“(ELW p. 123)” is liturgy (front of hymnal); “ELW 123” is hymn (back of hymnal)

PRELUDE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ GATHERING ✠

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



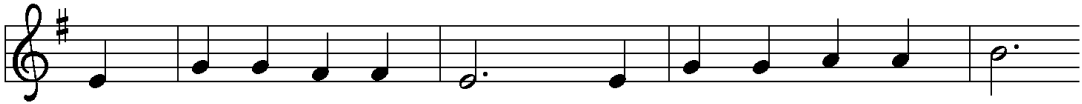
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore,
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 203)



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"
- 3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re-ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;
- 4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.
of God who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Sirach 10: 12-18

L: A reading from Sirach

¹² The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

¹³ For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely.

¹⁴ The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.

¹⁵ The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations
and planted the humble in their place.

¹⁶ The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.

¹⁷ He removed some of them and destroyed them
and erased the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁸ Pride was not created for human beings
or violent anger for those born of women.

The word of the Lord.

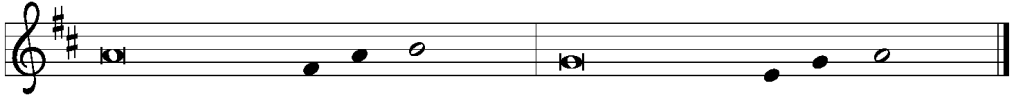
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 112

Refrain: (1st time: piano, 2nd time: cantor, 3rd time: congregation)



Tone:



PSALM: Psalm 112

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who [|] fear the LORD
and have great delight in [|] God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty [|] in the land;**
the generation of the upright [|] will be blessed. R
- ³ Wealth and riches will be [|] in their house,
and their righteousness will [|] last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness [|] for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full [|] of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- [|] ous in lending
and to manage their af- [|] fairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will nev- [|] er be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlast- [|] ing remembrance. R
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any [|] evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting [|] in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and [|] will not shrink,**
until they see their desire up- [|] on their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands [|] fast forever;
they will hold up their [|] head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and [|] pine away;**
the desires of the wick- [|] ed will perish. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

L: A reading from Hebrews

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

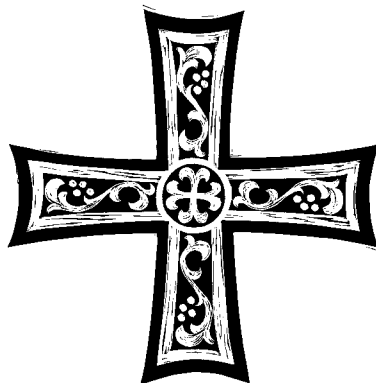
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,

and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather At Your Table

ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least,



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love’s vic-t’ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: ... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: ... through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

✠ THE MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 206)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)



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



heav'n 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table...

- *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
- *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only. ALL here are welcome to commune.*
- *Dip the wafer into:*
 - *Silver chalice (wine)*
 - *Ceramic chalice (grape juice)*
- *Take and eat, then return to your seat after communing.*
- *You may also go up to the altar if you wish to kneel for prayer.*



LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 208)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC

There is a Fountain

arr. Brad Nix

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your
grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim
your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All the World Rejoice

David Paxton



We extend our heartfelt thanks to guest pianist Janet Hart for sharing her time and talent with us today in worship.

We are grateful to Pr. Lou Flessner for presiding over today's service.

Livestreaming: Deb Boatright

Acolyte/Crucifer:

Lector: Susan Hadl

Altar Care: Alita Cooper, Susan Hadl, Emily Fetsch

ASL: Sunnie Planthold

Usher: Bill Mitchell, Ruth Shadel, Charles Baars

Cantor: Chelsy Larson

Assisting Minister: Susan Hadl

Children's Message: Sunnie Planthold

Nursery: Morgan Sponholtz

READINGS AND PSALM: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33