

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - AUGUST 15, 2021



Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism in 1529, "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 through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith." The Scriptures for today emphasize the point between which the Spirit calls us and our hearts obey.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ An personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING ONE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. *(Hebrews 4:14-16, adapted)*

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. Amen** *(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11, adapted) (A moment of silent confession)*

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

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.**

PRAYER FOR MERCY *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray to the Lord for peace. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for salvation. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord for the well-being of the world and the unity of the Church of God. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray for this holy house as we offer God our worship and praise. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER" *(Sung)*

**When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!** *Refrain*

**On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise And the glory of His resurrection share  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!** *Refrain*

**Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!** *Refrain*

*Refrain:* **When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder — When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

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

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. **C: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING — JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18, p. 234 *(Sit)*

SECOND READING — EPHESIANS 5:6-21, p. 1162

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung: LBW #464)*

**Divine instructor, gracious Lord, May you be always near; Teach us to love your sacred Word and find our Savior there.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – JOHN 6:51-69 , p. 1060 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. John chapter 6. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN “O THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS” #480 *(Stand, Sung)*

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your Word And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands, 'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Spoken)*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer our selves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*Sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**Holy Father, having received now this blessed food and drink, we ask you to deliver us from every evil, teach us to love you perfectly, and make us one, holy Church doing the good works you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BENEDICTION (*Spoken, Romans 15:13*)

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "VICTORY IN JESUS" (*Sung*)

**I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory. Refrain**

**I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see.  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory. Refrain**

**I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story;  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. Refrain**

*Refrain* **O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!  
He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood.  
He loved me ere I know Him, and all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. (*Spoken*)

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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