

# *the* TWELFTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## August 27, 2017

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### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

### AS WE GATHER

Who do you say Jesus is? The answer makes all the difference in how you face your day to day living. If you say He is your Christ, your one Lord and Master, without whom you can do absolutely nothing, then missing worship and Bible Study is not an option, serving Him wherever possible is your heart's desire, stewardship of His blessings is your way of life, being more like Him is your daily prayer, and getting the Word out about Him, well, that's as important as breathing. Your confession above not only proclaims salvation, but defeats hell and makes everything in between possible. So, who again do you say Jesus is? Your answer in the Spirit will change your life and how you live it.

# DIVINE SERVICE

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Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Praise Team*

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C Amen.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P I bow down toward Your holy temple;

**C and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.**

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C We confess to You, O Lord, that we are sinners and that we have sinned against You and against each other. We have sinned in thoughts that dare not be revealed, in words that should not be spoken, and in actions that do not befit those who are called Your people. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may depart from our sinful ways and serve You with holiness of heart and life.**

*(Silence for meditation)*

P Almighty God has had mercy on you and has forgiven you all your sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to 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.**

P The Lord will fulfill His purpose for us;

**C Do not forsake the work of Your hands, O Lord.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

*(The people greet one another with the sign of peace.)*

SERVICE *of the* WORD

**ENTRANCE HYMN** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB 819

**KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

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

**C Christ, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (*Please be seated*)

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
For the Lord comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
"Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the  
peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.  
A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**EPISTLE READING**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Romans 11:33—12:8*

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** (*Please stand*)

*Praise Team*

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

Spoken: **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.**  
*(Eph. 2:19b-20)*

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:13–20*

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not  
P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

**APOSTLE'S CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will come to collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "How Wide the Love of Christ"

LSB 535

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Take My Life and Let it Be"

*Praise Team*

**INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

P For the people who are holy to the Lord and for all people according to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Brief silence)*

*(The response following each petition)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*(Prayers conclude...)*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SERVICE of the SACRAMENT**

*(begins on page 160 of the LSB)*

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.*

**PREFACE**

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.**

*(if you wish to follow along with the Service of the Sacrament, it continues on p. 161 of the Lutheran Service Book.)*

**DISTRIBUTION** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

**SONGS:**

*"In the Secret"*

*Praise Team*

1. **In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,  
'cause I want to know You more.**

*Chorus:* **I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice. I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face. I want to know You more.**

2. **I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside, out of my way,  
'cause I want to know You more.**

*"In Christ Alone"*

*Praise Team*

1. **In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

*Chorus:* **Oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_**

2. **There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

*Chorus:* **Oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_**

3. **No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

*Chorus:* **Oh\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_, In Christ alone\_\_\_\_, oh\_\_\_\_**

*Bridge:* **I find my strength, I find my hope, I find my help, in Christ alone!  
When fear assails, when darkness falls I find my peace in Christ alone!  
I give my life, I give my all, I sing this song to Christ alone!  
The King of kings, the Lord of all, All heaven sings to Christ alone!**

*Ending:* **Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
Here in the power of Christ we stand!**

*"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*

*LSB 575*

*"Built on the Rock"*

*LSB 645*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Thank The Lord" (*Please stand*)      *LSB p. 164*  
**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**      *LSB p. 166*  
**BENEDICTION**      *LSB p. 166*  
**CLOSING SONG:** "Onward Christian Soldiers"      *LSB 662*

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**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	<b>Worship Coordinator</b> Larry Bruce
<b>Secretary</b> Renee Taden	<b>Admin. Assist.</b> Laura Oswood
<b>Preschool</b> Lisa Dove	<b>Praise Team</b> Larry Bruce
<b>Teachers</b> Courtney Eaton	Lisa Dove
<b>Helper</b> Michele Broughman	Karin Kennedy
<b>Banners</b> Sue Elkins	<b>Organist</b> Kay Kaepf
<b>Altar Guild</b> Sue Elkins	<b>Sound</b> Chris Pavka
<i>September A.G. Norma Meyer</i>	<i>September Sound Jimmy Powell</i>

**Today - August 27**

**Acolyte** Tyler Scherer  
**Assistant** Merle Donbrock  
**Reader** Kay Kaepf  
**Ushers** Gary Malcolm  
Jan Malcolm  
Jason Moore  
Jimmy Powell  
**Greeters** Larry Parks & Barb  
Vainner  
  
**Cookies** LWML: Jacque Osborn  
**Counters** Osborn & Pascoe

**Next Week - Sept. 3**

Carmen Bruce  
Rick Taden  
Barb Vainner  
Ron Patch  
Chris Pavka  
Dianne Pavka  
Bill Tunison  
Clarence & Elaine  
Walters  
  
Moore & Watz Families  
Taden & Dayton

**Sunday School Teachers**

**3yr-K** Donna Hines  
**1st-3rd grade** Kelsey Burroughs  
**4th-5th grade** Lupe Meyer  
**6th-8th grade** Laura Oswood  
**9th-12th grade** Chris & Lisa Mobley  
  
**Adult Sunday School**  
**Philippians** Lisa Dove (a study for  
adults in a kid-safe  
environment)  
**Reformation Brunch** Larry Bruce  
**Gospel of John** Pastor Aaron

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Lori Hunker Ruhling; Josephine Ryndak; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Paul Dove; Harriet Jenner; Rick Kesler; Rhonda Kollmorgen; Trudy Miller; Mo Mourad; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Carol Yearling.

*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Ubrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the blessing of 8 years of marriage. ~ Barb Vainner & Larry Parks

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Sunday 8/20-\$3,782.15 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Copies-\$0.50; Total-\$3,797.65.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 8/20: 9am-108; 11:30am-12. Bible Study-17.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/27	9:00am	Worship - Sunday School Teacher Installation
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
Tuesday 8/29	10:30am	Reformation 500 meeting
	5:30pm	Preschool Open House - for registered students
Wednesday 8/30	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	7:00pm	Youth Hangout & Pizza (6-12 graders)
Saturday 9/2	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 9/3		Green Volunteer Sheets Deadline
	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 9/4		Office Closed for Labor Day