# Welcome!

### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Sunday, August 31, 2025 - 8:30am and 11:00am

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Joyful Giving Opportunities:** The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here:  $\rightarrow$ 



We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

There are NO classes today. Please join us next week in the gym for the launch of our fall classes.

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!

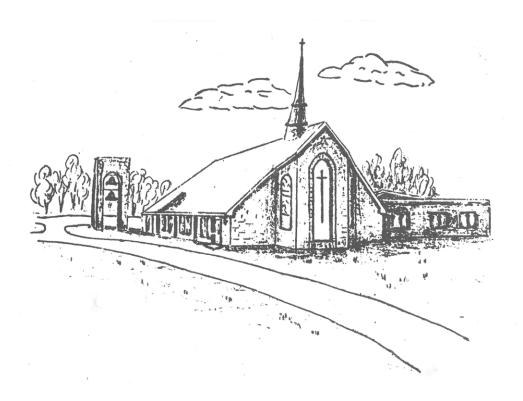
#### **AS WE GATHER**

Entering the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, is one of the most memorable experiences for any Christian pilgrim visiting the Holy Land. First constructed at the commission of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, the church is on the oldest site continually used for worship by Christians anywhere in the world. Although the basilica initially had a grand arched entrance in its first thousand years, it came into a period of disuse and neglect after the conquest of the Holy Land by the Islamic rulers of the Ottoman Empire in AD 1516. In an effort to prevent people from entering the church with horses and cattle, the Christians caring for the building at that time walled up the main entrance, leaving only a very small door. This opening has ever since been known as the "Door of Humility." It makes a most fitting way for those who come to worship at the site of the manger of the Christ Child to enter that sacred space. Where we worship here and now is also a sacred space. Although we may not have needed to bow down to enter the front door today, bringing an attitude of humility to our worship of our gracious Lord is truly fitting for us.

# Order of Worship

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** 

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# ♣ Preparation ♣



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#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**Psalm 149:1–4

- Praise the LORD! Sing to the Lord a new song,
- **G** His praise in the assembly of the godly!
- **P** Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
- let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- **P** Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!
- For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P As you believe, so let it be. As a servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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 ♣

**KYRIE** 



- To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
   O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
   Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
   Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high
- For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
   Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
   You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
   In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

#### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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**

(Guidelines for a blessed life)

Proverbs 25:2-10

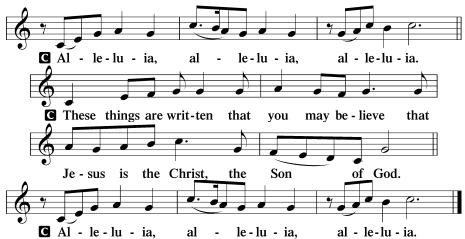
<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. 11For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 205



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

### G Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in 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 table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **SERMON HYMN**

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842

- Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
   Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
   Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
   We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
   By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
   Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

**SERMON** "It's a Wonderful View" *Proverbs 25:2–10* 

#### THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ. For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm then in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:
- Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.

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Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

#### PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.
- All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C Amen

#### **OFFERTORY**

# → Service of the Sacrament →

#### **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

**SANCTUS** (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us and number us with Your saints. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.
- C Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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."

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- 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 The Peace of the Lord LSB 209

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (sung) Lamb of God LSB 210

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

Come, all you thirsty, come to the water, those without hope, all those in need. Come without money, for there is abundance, love given freely to all who believe. Refrain: "Come, O come to the banquet, come to the table, come to the feast. Bread of life, cup of salvation: come to the altar, come, taste and see." Gathered together, we come to listen. The living Word we taste and see. We are one body finding salvation here in this banquet, eternal feast. Refrain. All those who hunger for justice and mercy, all those alone, living unseen: this Real Presence gives strength to the weary, streams overflowing in those who believe. Refrain. This living Bread from heaven bears eternal life. Those who share this meal will never die. Surrender all your worry, lay down all your strife, receive the gift of Jesus, Bread of Life! Refrain. Come to the altar, come, taste and see.

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#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain
- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
   Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
   Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
   Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Song of Simeon

LSB 211

- O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
   A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
   The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- 2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
  All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
  For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
  God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
  The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified

  Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
  As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
  Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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**SILENT PRAYER** 

**POSTLUDE** 



#### ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Dianne Sherman, in loving memory of her parents, Walter and Helen Sherman.

#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – 8:30am

Preaching: Pastor Davenport Liturgy: Vicar Fritz Quitmeyer

Organist: Matt Fremder
Soloist: Sean Stockton
Guitar: Mark Ingersoll
Piano: Matt Fremder
Elder: Mark Anders

Communion Assistants: Jess Hatten, Caleb O'Hara, Gunther Ruck, Chris Trapp

Acolyte: Sam Puterbaugh

Lector: Steve Milz

Altar Guild: Karen and Natalie Hansen, Mary Scheidies

Greeters: Shirley Speirs and Shirley Erickson Media Team: Joe Young and Dave Kosmalski Ushers: Team 9, Rick Shingledecker, Captain

Scott Brandt, Tom Hemming, Mike McGrath, Steve Moore,

Brody Shingledecker, Lucas Shingledecker

Welcome Desk: Frankie Rogers

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Piano: Matt Fremder Elder: Mark Anders

Communion Assistants: Pastor Werner, Andrew MacAfee, Dan Young, Dennis Puishes

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