

Welcome!

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 16, 2026 – 8:30am

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 worshipping 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: →

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

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Intergenerational Bible Study	Josh Kittleman & Karla Schettenhelm	Rooms 1-3
LCMS Convention	Pastor Werner	Gym
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

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

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (*Matthew 15:25*). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (*Isaiah 56:6-7*). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (*Prayer of the Day*). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (*Romans 11:32*). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

- 1. Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2. Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**
- 3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoever temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**
- 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**
P My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
C **Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.
C **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.**
P Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, 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. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.
C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT *(sung)*

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.
C **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.
P 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.
C **Blessèd | be the LORD!***
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

P 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 **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

LSB 949

1. Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."
Praise and honor, pow'r and glory, Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned, Fall before the Father's throne.
2. All creation, all redemption, Join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory, Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures And to everlasting days!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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 **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon 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 upon 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!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(Mercy for all)

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(sung)*

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(A foreigner's daughter healed)

Matthew 15:21–28

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

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and

knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2. To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.**
- 4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.**

SERMON

"Pray for the Peoples"

Psalm 67

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

(Please refer to the screens or the back of the hymnal for text.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs. Almighty and everlasting God, You have established Your church as a house of prayer for all people. Receive our prayer this day as our sacrifice of praise for Your mercy in accepting us into the family of those You have called to faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that many of all nations and nationalities be drawn by Your Spirit to the salvation You have provided by the sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give strength and confidence to all pastors and called servants of Your church, that they may proclaim boldly Your desire to gather all by Your mercy into the family of the redeemed. Bless Your Word they preach to the joy and edifying of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

continued

- P** Bless all those gathered here in Your presence with an increase of faith and steadfastness in Your Word, that they may continually look to You for the salvation of their souls and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear our prayer especially for all who are in any need, those who are sick or hospitalized, those who are in trouble or suffer any need, those who are considered outcasts of society, and all who we name in our hearts before You. Grant to them healing, help, and deliverance from their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and are with You, mercifully admit us into the fellowship of all Your saints, not counting our merits but on account of Your own mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING *The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C** **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 ✠

We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and in keeping with our salvation 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**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** Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
G **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

- 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

The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

Lamb of God

John 1:29

- 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.***

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
- 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest 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!**

1. **What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
2. **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (*sung*)

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

1. **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

P Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Joshua and Megan Riegel, in honor of their 5th wedding anniversary on August 14.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Preaching: Pastor Werner
Liturgist: Vicar Fritz Quitmeyer
Director of Music: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Jacob Knock
Communion Assistants: Jess Hatten, Chris Trapp, Josh Kittleman, Gunther Ruck
Acolyte: Emma Arnold
Lector: Steve Milz
Altar Guild: Karen & Natalie Hansen, Helena Hatten, Tara Kaupp
Greeters: Rita Sherick and Susan Mitchell
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