



**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday, August 20, 2023



*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.  
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

**PRELUDE**

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *“We, the Lord’s people”*      **H82 #51**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**      *in front section of H82 #S 280*

*All*            **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*All*            **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be God.**

**Psalm 133**    *Ecce, quam bonum!*

*said by all in unison*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**SECOND READING: Romans 11;1-2a,29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**                      *“Healer of Our Every Ill”*                      **ELW #612**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON**

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

**NICENE CREED**

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Hear us, O God,

*All* **Your mercy is great.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen**

— *All stand.*

**PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERTORY

*Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!*

— *All stand.*

**OFFERTORY CANTICLE**      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*      *Old Hundreth*  
*All*      **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*All*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, . . . for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS *in front section of H82 #S 125*

*All*      **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP pg. 368*

*Presider*      We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All*      **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*      And we offer our sacrifice of praise . . . all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All*      **AMEN**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*      **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**

## FRACTION ANTHEM      *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"*      *in front section of H82 #S 169*

*Cantor*      My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

*Cantor*      Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

## INVITATION

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle, single file. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread.*

*If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue by the Chalice Administrator (intinction), please move to the either chalice administrator standing off to one side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.*

**COMMUNION HYMN I**      *"One Bread, One Body"*      **ELW #496**  
**COMMUNION HYMN II**      *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*      **H82 #380**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*All*      **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

*The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.*

**SENDING HYMN**      *"Oh Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"*      **H82 #539**

## DISMISSAL

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.*

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## PARISH SCHEDULE

August 20	12 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	Worship Committee	11:00 AM
August 21	Men's Steak Night	6:00PM
August 27	13 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
August 28	St. Clare's Kitchen	10:00 AM
Sept. 3	14 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	First Sunday Brunch	11:00 AM
Sept. 10	15 Pent. – Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECW | Ladies, please mark your calendar for the resuming of ECW meetings on Monday 11 Sept. 2023 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share.

NURSERY | Beginning Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> the nursery will be available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

August 6, 13 & 20, Fr. Jim | August 27, Mtr. Tar  
September 3, 10 & 24, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar  
October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar  
November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: Cereal, Toilet Paper, Canned Soup.

## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

**1st** – Sam Williamson **9th** – James Clements **10th** – Melody Sheffield **13th** – Kathryn Daniels  
**19th** – Sam & Tracy Stringer

### BIRTHDAY:

**1st** – Stacey Driggers **6th** – Jimmy Davis, Celie Hogue **7th** – Karen Dees, Glenda Franklin, Tracy Stringer  
**11th** – Ralph Rodgers **12th** – Jim Sheffield, Alan White **13th** – Kathryn Daniels **16th** – Alex Moreschi  
**18th** – Alex Hart **19th** – Adia Sakura-Lemessy **21st** – Anna Arnold **23rd** – Buster Arnold **27th** – Jane Swanson  
**30th** – Tony Moreschi

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

**10th** – Bob & Aida Cerney

## KEEP IN PRAYER

The family of Charlie Hough, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, The Sneed Family, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Albert Timmons, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, Bonnie & Charlie Hough, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Donna Timmons, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	Ann and Bill Young	<i>Please sign up in Parish Hall</i>
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Joyce Bridges-Judkins, Elaine White	Joyce Bridges-Judkins, Elaine White
<b>OFFERTORY BEARERS:</b>	John and Nancy Griffin	John and Nancy Griffin
<b>GREETERS:</b>	John and Nancy Griffin	Marian White
<b>USHERS:</b>	Brian and Loretta Williamson	Sam and Tracy Stringer
<b>A/V TEAM:</b>	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
<b>READERS:</b>	Joyce Bridges-Judkins	Carol Wilch
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Lamon Brand	Bob Baranko, Kennedy Hackett
<b>CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Sam Stringer	Sandra Rowe
<b>VERGER:</b>	Carolyn Brunson	Lamon Brand

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