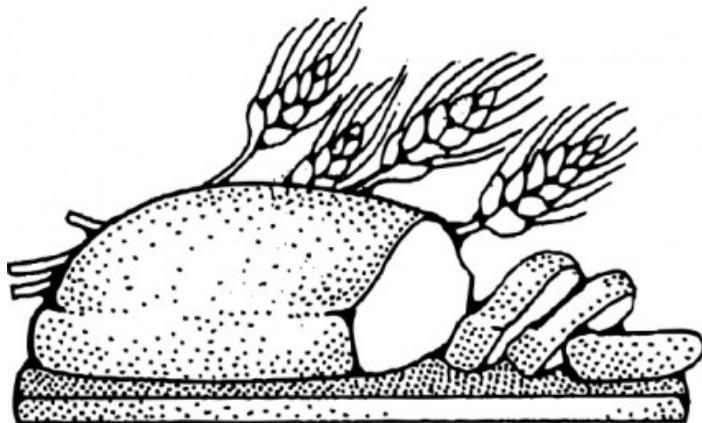


# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new** to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

**Restrooms are located** to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

**Following the service** we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

### PRELUDE

*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

### GATHERING HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*[Please stand.]*

**C** *Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please be seated.]*

### MISSION MOMENT

### ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**P** Let us pray together...  
**C** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

48, vs. 1,2

*O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.*

***This day at the creation, the light first had its birth;  
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.***

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray... Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**WORD OF GOD**

**THE READINGS:** 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 • Psalm 130 • Ephesians 4:25–5:2 • John 6:35, 41–51  
*[Please be seated.]*

The First Reading:

**L** *The First Reading is taken from 2 Samuel, chapter 18...*

The king gave orders to Joab, Abishai, and Ittai: "For my sake, protect my boy Absalom." All the troops heard what the king ordered regarding Absalom to all the commanders. So the troops marched into the field to meet the Israelites. The battle was fought in the Ephraim forest. The army of Israel was defeated there by David's soldiers. A great slaughter of twenty thousand men took place that day. The battle spread out over the entire countryside, and the forest devoured more soldiers than the sword that day.

Absalom came upon some of David's men. Absalom was riding on a mule, and the mule went under the tangled branches of a large oak tree. Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair while the mule under him kept on going.

Then ten young armor-bearers of Joab surrounded Absalom, struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My master the king: Listen to this good news! The Lord has vindicated you this day against the power of all who rose up against you."

The king said to the Cushite, "Is my boy Absalom okay?"

The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my master the king and all who rise up against you to hurt you end up like that young man."

The king trembled. He went up to the room over the gate and cried. As he went, he said, "Oh, my son Absalom! Oh, my son! My son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you! Oh, Absalom, my son! My son!"

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 130: [Tune: *O Master, Let Me Walk*]

***Out of the depths we call to you, Lord, hear our voices, heed our prayer;  
Look with compassion on our plea, Weigh our petition, Lord, with care.***

***For if you note each sinful deed, Lord, who could stand when you appeared?  
With you forgiveness will be found, And therefore, Lord, you shall be feared.***

***More certainly than watchmen wait To see the daylight first appear,  
Do our souls wait upon the Lord; We wait in trust and holy fear.***

***O Israel, wait upon the Lord, For with the Lord is mercy found;  
Who pardons us of all our sin, In whom true liberty abounds.***

The Second Reading:

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians, chapter 4...*

Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor because we are parts of each other in the same body. Be angry without sinning. Don't let the sun set on your anger. Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Word*

440, vs. 1

[Please stand.]

📖 ***Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.***

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Jewish opposition grumbled about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, Joseph's son, whose mother and father we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus responded, "Don't grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets, And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen the Father. I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

*[Please be seated.]*

SERMON HYMN

Seek Ye First

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Ⓐ **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!**

## THE NICENE CREED

*[Please stand.]*

**AI** 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]*

- D** Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:
- L** Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.
- C** **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**
- L** God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.
- C** **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**
- L** Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort *[names in notebook]* and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts *[leave time ...]*, as well as all others who suffer.
- C** **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**

℣ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially... [*read items from notebook*] and for the flowers given today [...]. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.

☞ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**

℣ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially ... [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this morning that we bring to you, [*leave time*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.

☞ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**

℣ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

℣ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
[*Silence is kept.*] 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.**

℣ 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.

℣ **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual prayer.]

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☞ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## OFFERTORY

*[Please be seated.]*

## PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.]*

- Ⓓ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*For the Harvests of the Spirit*

***For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.***

***For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.***

***For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,***

***most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Prayer B]

Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ⓒ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Ⓐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

**P** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

**G** **We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

**P** By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All** **AMEN.**

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

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** The Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.

**G** **The Cup of Salvation is shared with all who seek God.**

## FRACTION

*I Come with Joy*

**AI** ***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.***

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Note:** ***Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.***

## CHANT

*Bless the Lord, My Soul*

*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

**G** ***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray...

**AI** ***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.***

## THE BLESSING

*[Please stand.]*

**P** Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

**G** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

690, vs. 1,2

**AI** **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**D** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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