

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

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

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Deep River

Spiritual
Isabelle Schueler, Cello

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

A 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.

THE GATHERING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

H. 427 vs. 1,2,4

[Please stand when invited.]

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray..... O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 51...*

Listen to me, you who look for righteousness, you who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry where you were dug. Look to Abraham your ancestor, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. They were alone when I called them, but I blessed them and made them many. The Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her ruins. He will make her desert like Eden and her wilderness like the Lord's garden. Happiness and joy will be found in her—thanks and the sound of singing.

Pay attention to me, my people; listen to me, my nation, for teaching will go out from me, my justice, as a light to the nations. I will quickly bring my victory. My salvation is on its way, and my arm will judge the peoples. The coastlands hope for me; they wait for my judgment. Look up to the heavens, and gaze at the earth beneath. The heavens will disappear like smoke, the earth will wear out like clothing, and its inhabitants will die like gnats. But my salvation will endure forever, and my righteousness will be unbroken.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 138

Tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*

[Please remain seated.]

***We give you thanks with all our hearts; Before the gods our praise express
And bow ourselves before your throne To praise your love and faithfulness.***

***Above all things, O Lord our God, You glorified your Name and word;
We called on you, you answered us, And gave us increased strength, O Lord.***

***The kings of earth who hear your words, O Lord, will give you thanks and praise
And tell how great your glory is, And they will sing of all your ways.***

***You, Lord, are high yet scorn the proud, Protect the lowly on their path;
And though we walk in trouble, Lord, You keep us all secure from wrath.***

***Your right hand, Lord, shall save our lives And make your purpose for us sure;
Do not forsake those you have made; Your love forever will endure.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 12*

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears

H 536 R1R

[*Please stand.*]

***God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
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***Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.***

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The Gospel

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

🔊 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Human One is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

He said, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Then Jesus replied, “Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. I tell you that you are Peter. And I’ll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won’t be able to stand against it. I’ll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven.” Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

THE SERMON HYMN

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

H. 379

[Please stand.]

***God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth’s foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.***

***God is Love: and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow’s iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.***

***God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God’s eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o’er us final triumph gain:
God is Love, so Love for ever o’er the universe must reign.***

THE NICENE CREED

☩ 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

☩ Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:

℟ 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.

☩ As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.

℟ 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.

☩ Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.

℟ 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.

☩ 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 the flowers given today as a testimony to keep frolicking in God's love always. Thank you, Pastor Becky, for reminding us often. Zipadeedoodah!
For the birthdays this coming week of Terry Eldridge, Barbara Rennie, Dan Smith, Chris Schombs, Calvin Ringquist, James Lynch, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Elena & James Goletz. We 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 day [*leave time for people to give names, silently or aloud. . .*]. 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.**

☒ Bless us to be a blessing.

☑ **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.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

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

☒ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*]
Have mercy upon us,

☑ **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

☑ **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.*]

☒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

THE OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

New Britain

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by 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.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
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.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

☐ 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 our thanks and praise.**

☐ All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.**

- ☞** Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
- ☞** We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
- ☞** After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
- ☞** And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
- ☞ Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**
- ☞ Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.**
- ☞** Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.
- ☞ Blessed are you now and for ever.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
A **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** We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ.
C **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**
- 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.

*[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. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

THE CHANT

In the Lord I'll be Every Thankful

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- P** Let us pray...
- C** **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- ☐ Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the love of God to you.
The blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

H. 525 vs 1,2,3

***The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.***

***Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☑ Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Gigue

J.S. Bach

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Andrea Zahn & Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benítez-Nixon
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins