

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, August 28, 2022 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:30 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

Christians do good works most of the time without even thinking about it. That's because faith is an active, living, real thing. God's Word for this day is all about how God-given faith shows itself in a Christian's life—in one's attitude, relationships, words, and deeds. In faith God equips you with "everything good that you may do His will" (Hebrews 13:21). Offer up the sacrifice of praise to God in thanksgiving for His gift of redemption through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

LSB 549, v. 1-3

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of 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.
C **Amen.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 25:2-10*

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 13:1-17*

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let 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?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰We 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. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-14

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And 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?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now 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, ⁹and 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He 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, ¹⁴and 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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1 एक शबाथ उहाँ फरिसीहरूका कुनै एक जना शासकको घरमा खान जानुभयो। फरिसीहरू उहाँको चेवामा बसिरहेका थिए। 2 जलग्रह रोगले पीडित एक जना मानिस उहाँको सामुनै थियो। 3 येशूले व्यवस्थाका पण्डितहरू र फरिसीहरूलाई सोधनुभयो, "शबाथमा निको पार्नु उचित छ, कि छैन?" 4 तर तिनीहरू चूप लागिरहे, र उहाँले त्यस रोगीको शरीरमा हात राखी निको पार्नुभयो र त्यसलाई जान दिनुभयो।

5 तब उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, "तिमीहरूमध्ये कसले आफ्नो गोरु वा गधा शबाथ-दिनमा पनारमा खस्यो भने त्यसलाई झुट्टै निकाल्दैन?" 6 अनि तिनीहरूले यस कुराको जवाफ दिन सकेनन्। 7 अनि भोजमा आएका अतिथिहरूले आदरको स्थान छानेका देखेर उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई एउटा दृष्टान्त भन्नुभयो: 8 "विवाहको भोजमा तिमीले कसैको निम्तो पायो भने आदरका स्थानमा नबस। तिमीभन्दा बढी प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तिले त्यहाँ निम्तो पाएका होलान्। 9 तिमीलाई र तिनलाई निम्तो दिने मेजमानले आएर तिमीलाई भन्नेछ, 'यिनलाई बस्ने ठाउँ देऊ,' र तिमीचाहिँ लज्जित भएर सबैभन्दा तल्लो स्थानमा बस्नुपर्नेछ। 10 तर जब तिमीले निम्तो पाउँछौ, गएर तल्लो ठाउँमा बस, र मेजमानले आएर तिमीलाई भन्नेछ, 'ए मित्र, माथि गएर बस्नोस्।' त्यस बेला तिमीसँग खान बस्नेहरूका सामुनै तिम्रो पण्डित हुनेछ। 11 किनकि हरेक जसले आफूलाई उच्च तुल्याउँछ, त्यो होच्याउनेचाहिँ उच्च पारिनेछ।" 12 अनि उहाँलाई निम्तो दिनेलाई पनि उहाँले भन्नुभयो, "तिमीले बिहान अथवा बेलुकीको भोज लगाउँदा, आफ्ना मित्रहरूलाई, आफ्ना दाजुभाइलाई वा तिम्रा कुटुम्बहरूलाई वा धनी छिमेकीहरूलाई निम्तो नदेऊ, नत्रता तिनीहरूले पनि साटोमा तिमीलाई निम्तो दिएर तिम्रो गुण फर्काउनेछन्। 13 तर तिमीले भोज लगाउँदा, गरीब, लुला, लङ्गडा, अन्धाहरूलाई बोलाऊ, 14 र तिमीले आशिष पाउनेछौ, किनकि तिनीहरूले तिम्रो गुण फर्काउन सक्दैनन्। तर मृत्युबाट धर्मीहरूको पुनरुत्थान हुँदा तिमीले यसको प्रतिफल पाउनेछौ।"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
जहाँदेखि उहाँ
जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
म विश्वास गर्दछु -
पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि,
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि अभिन ।

(Please Be Seated)



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
6 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus; Nev - er let me fall.



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
I am trust - ing Thee for - ev - er And for all.

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SONG OF THE DAY: SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD

Howard/Turner

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb; praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength.

CHORUS: Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong, in purpose and unity.
Declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength. CHORUS

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength. CHORUS

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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, work in us a right understanding of Your will, and grant us hearts, lips, and lives that show forth true thanksgiving in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Guide and govern Your Church throughout the world that all may walk in the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Have mercy upon all who are in authority over us, those who keep watch over our souls, as well as those in the authority of worldly government that we may have free course to live as Your redeemed people and serve one another in love. Bless all who serve to protect us in our nation and our community, *(especially...)*. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Preserve those who travel and help all who call upon You in any need, that they may have patience and trust in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions, *(especially...)*. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

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.

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ँच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ँस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI LAMB OF GOD Maichel

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You Take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us,
And grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God.
Grant us your peace we pray.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

JUST AS I AM *Moffat*

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come
Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God I come I come

CHORUS: I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come CHORUS

Praise God just as I am, Just as I am
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GRACE LIKE RAIN Collins

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly.

CHORUS: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. CHORUS

Interlude

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. CHORUS X 2

. . . They're washed away.
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(Please Stand)

BENEDICAMUS

P We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 SONG: BECAUSE HE LIVES

Gaither

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus.
He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. **CHORUS**

And then one day I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. **CHORUS**

And life is worth the living just because He lives.
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