

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 17

August 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

In the Divine Service, we often sing in the Offertory the words of Psalm 116, “I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.” This sacrifice is not intended to “pay off God” in hope of gaining a reward or salvation. In fact, the Psalm has us continue to sing “I will take the cup of salvation.” No one is saved by works of the Law but only by faith in the works of the Savior from sin and death, Jesus Christ, our Lord. So our sacrifice is rather a response of faith in thanksgiving for God’s gift. This sort of sacrifice of faith shows itself almost automatically also in the Christian’s life, attitude, relationships, words, and deeds. Under pressure, faith shows itself as endurance of all crosses and sufferings we encounter in a sinful world. Let God’s gift of faith now offer up a sacrifice of praise to Him.

HYMN “Come People of the Risen King” -Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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1. Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*

3. Come young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands – find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev’ry age, “Our God is all in all.” *Chorus*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The author of Hebrews encourages us to let brotherly love continue, to show hospitality to strangers, to care for all in need, to have faithfulness in marriage and the family, to do good, and to have fearless joy in the Lord. Unfortunately, we struggle, and we fail to do these things, gracious Lord. However, the author of Hebrews also says, "for [God] has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" Taking you at Your Promise, we confess our sin to You.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever", Hebrews declares. Our Lord is merciful, gracious, and forgiving. Therefore, 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.

All: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7*

Pastor: It is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

People: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

People: For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

Pastor: But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: It is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

HYMN OF PRAISE "He Is Exalted" -Twila Paris

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He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 25:2–10* (The way of humility) It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for 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 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor

himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2*

Leader: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

People: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

Leader: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

People: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 13:1–17* (Sacrifices pleasing to God) Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep 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." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do 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. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For 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. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1–14* (Parables of the wedding feast and the great banquet)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And 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?" And they could not reply to these things. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "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, and 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. But 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. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." He 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. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
 For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
 Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.
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SERMON "Is it Legal?" Luke 14:1-6

- I. Is it Lawful?
- II. A Dinner Party (v.1-3)
 - Who are the guests and host?
 - What is the "entertainment"?
 - Who does Jesus respond to?
- III. A Dinner Problem (v.4-6)
 - What is the point of Jesus' two questions?
 - What do His questions show?
 - Luther: "For to sanctify the Sabbath means to hear God's Word and to help our neighbor wherever possible. For God does not want the Sabbath kept so holy that we should on that account leave and forsake our neighbor in his trouble."
- IV. A Dinner Pondering
 - What is at the heart of the question?
 - What does Jesus see?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who faithfully suffered reproach and rejection as the only perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and by His resurrection from the dead grants forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe in Him. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Seek Ye First" WOV 783

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

3. We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” WOV 771

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” WOV 754

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1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: that’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

CHOIR KICK-OFF COOKOUT AND START OF REHEARSALS: Calling all current and prospective choir singers! Join us for a Kick-off Cookout on Thursday, September 1 at 6:30 PM at Jim and Beth’s. We will have food, fellowship, and a presentation of choir plans for the fall. We are always ready to welcome new singers, so even if your interest is a “maybe,” come and check it out. Spouses and kids are also welcome. Please RSVP to Beth so we can get a count for food. Choir rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM and resume at Emmaus on September 8.

WORSHIP TIMES REMINDER: We no longer change our worship times in the fall. We will continue to have one 9:30 a.m. service on Sundays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF: On Sunday, September 11th we will be kicking off Sunday School for the year. We will have a display and a few projects you can do to get excited about Sunday School this year. We will then start with regular Sunday School on September 18th after service.

22-23 BARNABAS BUDDIES: We are back with Barnabas Buddies for this school year. We will have the pictures of kids up starting August 28th. This is a chance to encourage a young person in their faith during the school year. We will also have REVERSE Barnabas Buddies - where children can pick an adult to encourage during the year. Start getting excited for someone to pick. Any questions see Nicole P or email her.

PARKING LOT REPAIR: Our parking lot will be sealed on Wednesday, August 31. The parking lot will be blocked off Wednesday through Friday, August 31 – September 2. Please use street parking on those days.

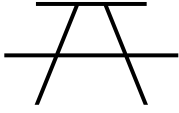
HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Count the Cost” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35)

EMMAUS CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 11 at 11:30 a.m.
FOR Parks Shelter
2555 Dale Street North, Roseville, 55113

Meal will be provided. Games for kids.

There will be a signup in the narthex.
Please sign up so we know how much food to prepare.



OFFICE NEWS: Maria will be out of the office August 29-31.