

**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE II
AUGUST 23, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.**

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH: *“LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”* [LSB: 839]

1.
**O Christ, our True and only Light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your Fold with us rejoice.**

2.
**Fill with the Radiance of Your Grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

3.
**O gently Call those gone astray
That they may find the Saving Way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find Peace and Heav’nly Rest.**

4.
**Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand’ers to Your Fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

5.
**That they with us may evermore Such Grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and Heav’n.**

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION..... [Pg. 167]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. [Matthew 28:19b, 18-20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION [LSB: pg. 167]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [John 1:8-9]

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by 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. [John 20:19-23]

ABSOLUTION [LSB: pg. 167]

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.

INTROIT FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



R ¹ I give You thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing Your praise;
² I bow down toward Your Holy Temple and give thanks to Your Name for your
Steadfast Love and Your | Faithfulness,*
for You have Exalted above all things Your Name | and Your Word.

C ³ On the day I called, You | answered me;*
my strength of soul | You increased.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the Words | of Your Mouth,

R ⁵ and they shall sing of the Ways | of the LORD,*
for Great is the Glory | of the LORD.
⁶ For though the LORD is High, He regards the | lowly,*
but the haughty He knows | from afar.

C ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You Pre- | serve my life;*
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right
hand De- | livers me.
⁸ The LORD will fulfill His Pur- | pose for me;*
Your Steadfast Love, O LORD, endures Forever. Do not forsake
the Work | of Your hands.

R Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be Forever. | Amen.

C ¹ I give You thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing Your praise;
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Your Steadfast Love and Your | Faithfulness,*
for You have Exalted above all things Your Name | and Your Word.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ≈ LORD, Have Mercy [Mark 10:47] [LSB: pg. 168]

A In peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

A For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the
LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

A Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious LORD.
C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ≈ This is The Feast [LSB: pg. 171]
Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

P This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of
God. Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are
His. This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of
God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the Feast of Victory for our God, for the
Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [Pg. 172]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And also with you.

P Let us pray ...

P Almighty God, Whom to know is Everlasting Life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to
be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and
Steadfastly walk in the Way that leads to Life Eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our
LORD, ✠ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
Forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

*“Listen to Me, you who pursue
Righteousness, you who seek the LORD:
look to the Rock from which you were
hewn, and to the quarry from which you
were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but
one when I called him, that I might bless
him and multiply him. ³ For the LORD
comforts Zion; He comforts all Her waste
places and makes Her wilderness like
Eden, Her desert like the Garden of the
LORD; Joy and Gladness will be found in
Her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴
⁵ Give attention to Me, My people, and give*

*ear to Me, My Nation; for a Law will go
out from Me, and I will set my Justice for
a Light to the Peoples. ⁵ My Righteousness
draws near, My Salvation has gone out,
and My arms will Judge the Peoples; the
coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm
they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the
Heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the Heavens vanish like smoke, the
earth will wear out like a garment, and
they who dwell in it will die in like
manner; but My Salvation will be Forever,
and My Righteousness will never be
dismayed.”*

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL [Pg. 172]

R Fear the LORD, | you His Saints,*
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | Righteous,*
but the LORD Delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 11:33-12:8*

*“Oh, the Depth of the Riches and Wisdom
and Knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are His Judgments and how
inscrutable His Ways! ³⁴ For who has
known the Mind of the LORD, or who has
been His Counselor? ³⁵ Or who has given
a gift to Him that He might be repaid? ³⁶
For from Him and through Him and to
Him are all things. To Him be Glory*

*Forever. Amen. ^{12:1} I appeal to you
therefore, brothers, by the Mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a Living
Sacrifice, Holy and Acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not
be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the
Will of God, what is Good and Acceptable*

and Perfect. ³ For by the Grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of Faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one Body in Christ, and individually members

one of another. ⁶ Having Gifts that differ according to the Grace Given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our Faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of Mercy, with cheerfulness.”

3.
We are God’s House of Living Stones,
Built for His Own Habitation.
He through Baptismal Grace us Owns
Heirs of His Wondrous Salvation.
Were we but two His Name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to Dwell
With all His Grace and His Favor.

4.
Here stands the Font before our eyes,
Telling how God has Received us.
The Altar recalls Christ’s Sacrifice
And what His Supper here Gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that
proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the
same, And evermore, our Redeemer.

5.
Grant, then, O God, Your Will be done, That, when the Church bells are ringing,
Many in Saving Faith may come Where Christ His Message is bringing:
‘I Know My Own; My Own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My Peace I leave with you. Amen.’

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA VERSE

C Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O LORD.

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has

not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.’ ²⁰ Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Built on the Rock*” [LSB: 645]

1.
Built on the Rock the Church shall
stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest Everlasting.

2.
Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His Temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He Who Dwells in Heav’n above
Chooses to Live with us in Love,
Making our bodies His Temple.

SERMON

NICENE CREED (*Please stand as we confess our faith*) (Page 158)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our Salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He Suffered and was Buried. And the third day He Rose again according to the Scriptures and Ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with Glory to Judge both the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of Life, Who Proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is Worshiped and Glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [*I Timothy 2:1-4*] [LSB: pg. 175]

OFFERTORY [*Psalms 116:12-13; 17-19*] [LSB: pg. 176]

C What shall I render to the LORD for all His Benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People,
In the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE [LSB: pg. 177]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE *(seasonal)*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times...we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]* [LSB: pg. 178]

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, LORD God of Pow'r 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 178]

P Blessed are You, LORD of Heaven and earth . . . To You Alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 179]
*[Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25]*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST [LSB: pg. 179]

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD's death until He comes. *[I Corinthians 11:26]*
C Amen. Come, LORD Jesus. *[Revelation 22:20]*

P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father . . . So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 179]

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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* [LSB: pg. 180]

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always. *John 20:19*
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 180]

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. *John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*" [LSB: 646]

1.
Church of God, Elect and Glorious,
Holy Nation, Chosen Race;
Called as God's Own Special People,
Royal Priests and Heirs of Grace:
Know the Purpose of Your Calling,
Show to all His Mighty Deeds;
Tell of Love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2.
God has Called you out of darkness
Into His Most Marv'lous Light;
Brought His Truth to Life within you,
Turned your blindness into Sight.
Let your Light so Shine around you
That God's Name is Glorified
And all find fresh Hope and Purpose
In Christ Jesus Crucified.

3.
Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's Heart of Love;
But He brought you Home in Mercy,
Citizens of Heav'n above.
Let His Love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's Care;
That they too may know His Welcome
And His Countless Blessings share.

4.
Church of God, Elect and Holy,
Be the People He intends;
Strong in Faith and swift to answer
Each Command your Master sends:
Each Command your Master sends:
Royal Priests, fulfill your Calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing His Praise, His Love declare.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Your Table I Approach*" [LSB: 628]

1.
Your Table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

3.
Your Body and Your Blood,
Once slain and Shed for me,
Are taken at Your Table, LORD,
In Blest Reality.

5.
O grant, Most Blessèd LORD,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this Sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

2.
LORD, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

4.
Search not how this takes place,
This Wondrous Mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

6.
Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your True Body and True Blood,
O God, my Peace and Light.

CLOSING HYMN: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" [LSB: 575]

1.
My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name. *Refrain*

2.
When darkness veils His Lovely Face,
I rest on His Unchanging Grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

4.
When He shall come with Trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His Righteousness Alone, Redeemed to stand before His Throne!
Refrain

Refrain
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3.
His Oath, His Covenant and Blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
Refrain

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 181]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: [LSB: pg. 182]

C LORD, now You let Your servant go in Peace; Your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the Salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people; A Light to reveal You to the nations and the Glory of your people Israel. 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 183]

P Let us pray ... O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 183]

P *(Spoken)* 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C *(Sung)* Amen.

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)