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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost † August 20, 2023

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Chanson* by Gordon Young

WELCOME AND GRATITUDE STORIES

SPECIAL MUSIC *Vocalise* by Sergei Rachmaninoff Brad Shearer, bass

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P Righteous God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 650 - Red *In Christ There Is No East or West*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to the Lord, to love the name of the Lord, and to be the Lord's servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected the people whom God foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received

mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to be merciful to all.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  (please stand as you are able)

I love to tell the story: 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost

sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 588 - Red *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BACKPACK BLESSING

*** APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you are able)

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick especially those on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

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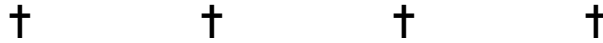
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 759 - Red *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

POSTLUDE *Break Forth into Joy* by J. S. Bach

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Rupert Schweinhagen in honor of his birthday.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, Dezarea Harshman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Thursday Bible Study: Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, Choir (Alto, Soprano). Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next week's hosts: Brass Ensemble.

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for the decades of ministry done by the Women of the ELCA. While this formal ministry has come to an end, many of the ways this team lived God's love into the world continue on through various boards. We are so thankful to have a beautiful commissioned piece of art in their honor created by Soaring Arts Studio. Thank you, dear ones!

Caring Corner for August - we would like to highlight the LWR kits we annually put together. Lutheran World Relief collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. Fabric kits supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves and others. Personal care kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. School kits provide needed school supplies.

This Week

Monday, August 21	12pm	Newsletter deadline
Tuesday, August 22	6:30-7:30pm	Pictures at Henry County Fairgrounds meet at Log Cabin
Wednesday, August 23	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	6pm	Brass Ensemble
	7pm	Choir
Thursday, August 24	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, August 27	9am	Worship in person or online

Interested in joining a musical ensemble?

Brass ensemble starts on August 23rd at 6pm and the choir starts on August 23rd at 7pm.

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2024 is hanging in the narthex. Pick your special day and sign up early!

LAST OPPORTUNITY to have Ann take your picture for the directory.

Tuesday, August 22, 6:30-7:30pm @ Henry County Fairgrounds
A sign up sheet will be located in the hallway across from the office.