

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

View Announcements

Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
The ‘S’ numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *The Abbot’s Bromley Horn Dance*

Jonathan Gardner, Guitar; Melissa Gardner, Mandola

Traditional English

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 477: *All Praise to Thee*

Celebrant

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

People

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

People

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.

Gloria, Hymn S-280: *Glory to God* (10:00 am only)

People

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson:

Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the LORD; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the LORD brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The LORD overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The LORD plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their

place. The LORD lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

- ¹

Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- ²

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁸

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Lesson:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

All who hunger



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na

2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a

3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d’ring.

wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.

liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for

Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were

Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.

lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion’s love have stood.

from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.

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Reader

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at 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 the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Reader

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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 stand or kneel

With humility and confidence in God’s mercy, let us bring our prayers for the Church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence* Deliver us from the foolishness of pride, O Lord, and grant that we would not boast of our imagined powers. Give us such reverence for the tasks of this life that we might know they are above our own unaided strength, and help us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Grant us the true courage that shows itself by gentleness, the true wisdom that shows itself by simplicity, and the true power that shows itself by modesty.

People God of grace, hear our prayer.

Strengthen your Church to live the humility of Christ, who chose the lowest place and calls us to serve the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten. May we be a community where all are welcome at the table. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to leaders in every land, that they may set aside pride and ambition to pursue justice, peace, and the common good. We pray especially for places of conflict and division—Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all nations torn by war and oppression. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Give us humility to recognize our dependence on the earth you have made. Guide our efforts to address climate change, protect vulnerable communities from floods, drought, and fire, and restore creation for future generations. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to acts of hospitality, compassion, and generosity. Bless teachers and students as they return to school, and give patience, joy, and wisdom to all who guide young hearts and minds. May our community reflect your mercy and justice. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Comfort those grieving the school shooting in Minneapolis. Bring healing to those who were wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Move our nation to

work urgently for peace and safety in every place of worship, learning, and community. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Lift up the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, the lonely, and all who are in trouble. We remember before you those on our prayer and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* May they know your healing presence and your steadfast love. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Guide and protect all those who are dear to each of us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Hold in your eternal embrace those who have gone before us in faith. We remember especially Fred Johnson, who died this week. *Silence* May their witness strengthen our hope in the banquet feast prepared for all your children. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you lift up the lowly and call us to lives of humility, hospitality, and love. Hear the prayers we offer this day and shape us into the people of kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*
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.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Voluntary: *My Soul’s Been Anchored* Spiritual,
arr. Florence Price (1887-1953)
Celia Bridges, Soprano

Offertory Hymn 376: Joyful, Joyful

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus, S-129: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: *Be Thou my Vision* arr. Jonathan Gardner
Jonathan Gardner, Guitar; Melissa Gardner, Octave Mandolin

Communion Hymn 321: My God Thy Table

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 438: Tell out my Soul

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.
Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Toccata in F, BuxWV 157* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)