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Sunday, Hugust 20, 2023 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #441 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

Tune: St. Anne (CM) William Croft, 1678-1727, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

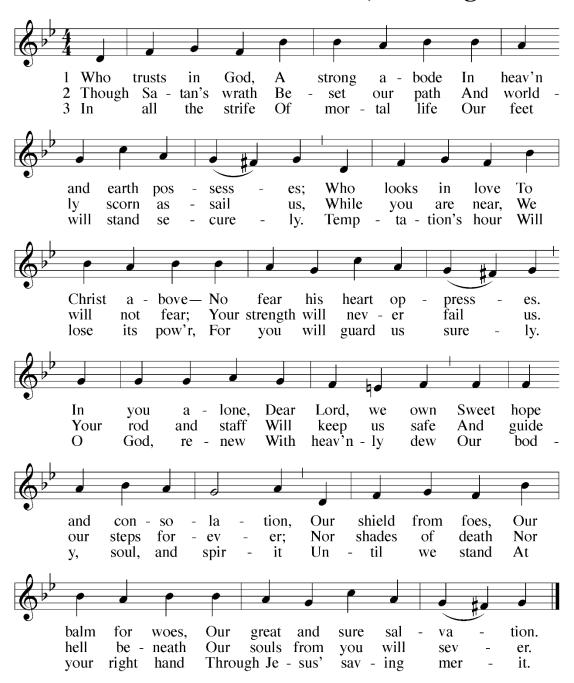
⁹ There [Elijah] came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong

wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 15 And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. 17 And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 73

The congregation will sing Hymn #447 "Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode."

447 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode



Text: Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525–after 1583, st. 1; *Harmonia cantionum*, Leipzig, 1597, st. 2-3; tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–89, alt.

Tune: WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (447 447 D Jambic) Claude de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562, alt.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:1-5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I

have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and

beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



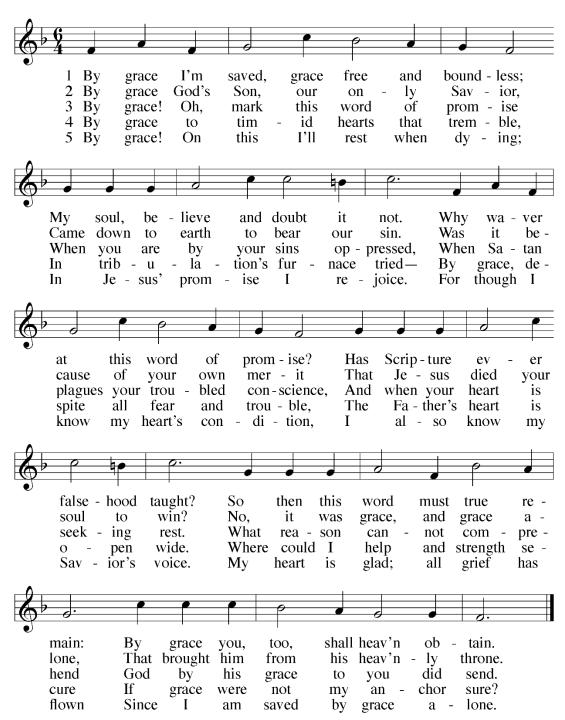
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HYMN OF THE DAY: #384 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Text: Christian L. Scheidt (1709-1761)

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By Grace I'm Saved



Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709-61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON STAND

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Almighty God, You laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we have earned for ourselves death, and Your creation has been subjected to futility; yet in Your Son, You grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Lord, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage to speak the Gospel faithfully before the world. Let those who hear confess Jesus Christ as Lord and be saved. Remember all who endure persecution for His name, and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless our new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Help us to trust in You at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all that You have promised to bestow daily and richly upon Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, You supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Be with those who are in need. Grant us Your Spirit, that our hearts may not waver, and keep us in the grasp of Your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Grant that we who come to Your table may receive Christ's body and blood in faith. Let us truly be united in confession, even as we are one at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

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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,

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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal. **NOTE:** Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND



THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



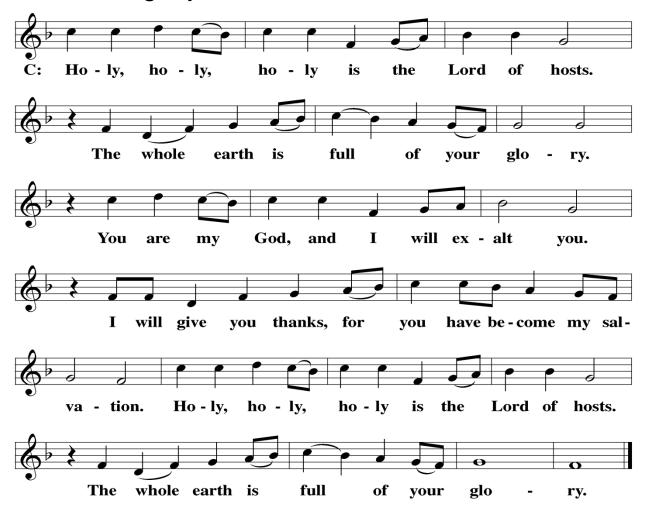
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

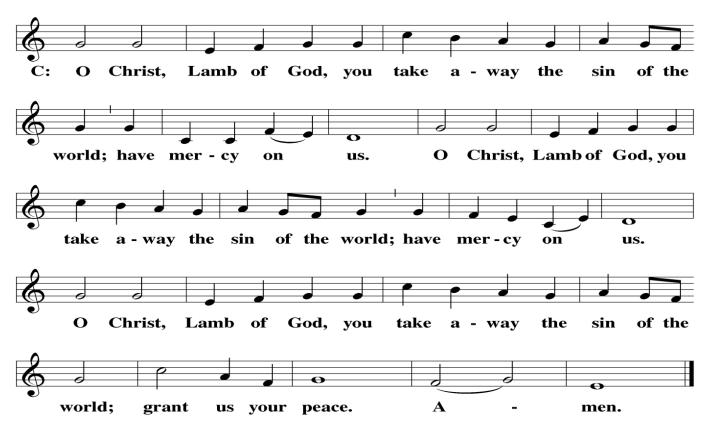


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.





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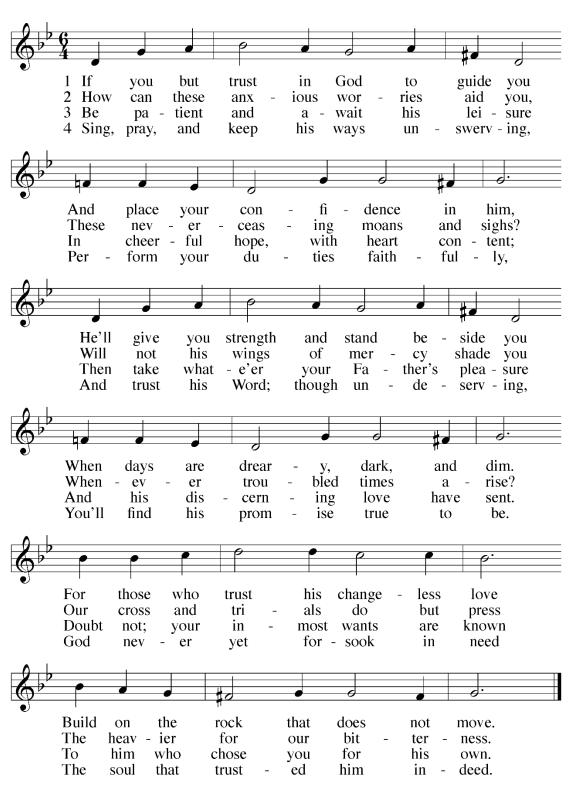
- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me Strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me O'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow; I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow; Till in glory I behold your face.
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my burdens grow too great to bear; Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#444 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

Text and tune: Georg C. Neumark (1621-1681)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

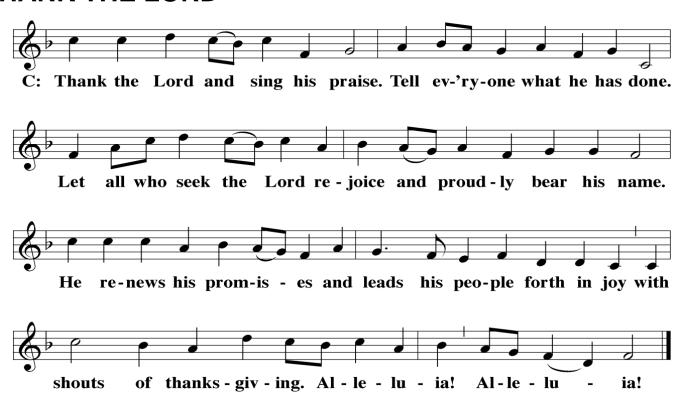


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Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT (98 98 88) Georg C. Neumark, 1621–81.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday-7:00 PM FINAL Monday Divine Service

Tuesday – 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Thea Bude Ushering – Team 1

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

Senior Choir will be starting our weekly practices on Thursday August 31 at 7:00 PM. Please consider joining our group. We especially need sopranos!

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from August 26 through September 1. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Mark Porinsky will be officiating on Sunday August 27. There will be no evening service on August 28.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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