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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 31, 2025 9:15 a.m.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Holy Manna

by Anne Krentz Organ  
(1960- )

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,**

**and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✙ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Praise to the Lord our God! Glory be to God's holy name!

**With joy and thankfulness, we come to worship our God!**

Praise to the Lord our God! Awe and wonder belongs to God!

**With trust and confidence, we come to worship our God!**

Praise to the Lord our God! We delight in and praise our God!

**In faith, hope and expectation, we come to worship our God! Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise: For He Alone is Worthy



1 For he a - lone is wor - thy, for he a - lone is wor - thy,  
 2 We'll give him all the glo - ry, we'll give him all the glo - ry,  
 3 Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



for he a - lone is wor - thy, Christ the Lord.  
 we'll give him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord.  
 oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: traditional

Music: ADESTE FIDELES, John Francis Wade, 1711–1786

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 112

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**



- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine  
away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**“All God’s Children’s Time”**

**Annette**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing twice before & once after Gospel reading)**



## **Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “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, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> 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 and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.    **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon: Table Manners**

**Pastor Littleton**

**HYMN of the DAY: All Who Hunger Gather Gladly**

**ELW 461**

## **The Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

To the petition "Hear us, O God," please respond: "Your mercy is great."



## **GREETING OF THE PEACE**

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.*

**Music at the Offering: My God, Your Table Now is Spread**

**by Edward Miller (1735-1807)**

## OFFERTORY

## ELW Setting 3



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C. Amen**

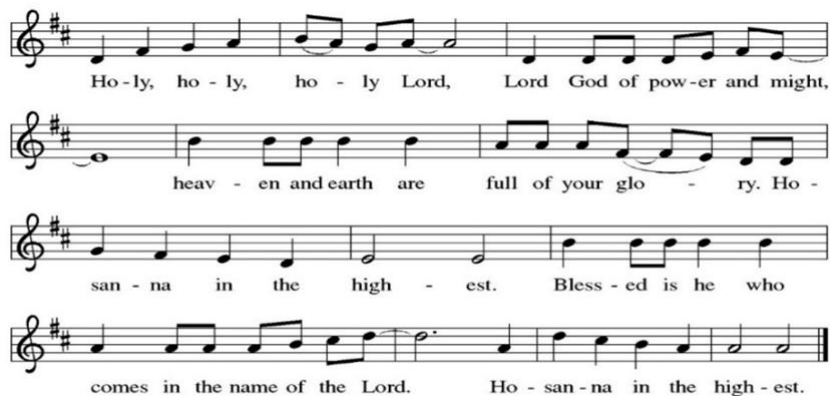
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.  
**C. And also with you.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
**C. We lift them to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.



You reveal your glory  
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have  
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins\_ of the world, grant\_ us\_ peace, grant\_ us\_ peace.

## Communion Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719

*Please stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: God Welcomes All**

**by Mary Howarth  
(1951- )**

**Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Dr. Littleton

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: Cathy Farrell

Ushers: Don Capanear and Dave Kunkel

Communion Assistant: Cathy Farrell

Altar Guild: Barb Hess

Acolyte: Usher

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