



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
THE CHURCH IS FOR ALL PEOPLE

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## WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

## FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

## NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.  
Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Headsets are available in the entryway.

## HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 8.

### **Today: Lord, Son of David, Have Mercy On Me**

Today Jesus shows us that the Church is for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out "Lord, have mercy!" is welcome.

**Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word.**

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

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## HYMN 652 Lord, Have Mercy

### INVOCATION

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

*1 John 1:8*

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

*Through Isaiah God told the world that God-fearing Gentiles would always have a place within his temple. His Church a house of prayer for all people and He will gather them..*

**T**his is what the Lord says:  
“Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand and my  
righteousness will soon be revealed.  
And foreigners who bind themselves to  
the Lord to minister to him,  
to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without  
desecrating it and who hold fast to my  
covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations.”  
The Sovereign Lord declares—  
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:  
“I will gather still others to them  
besides those already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord.

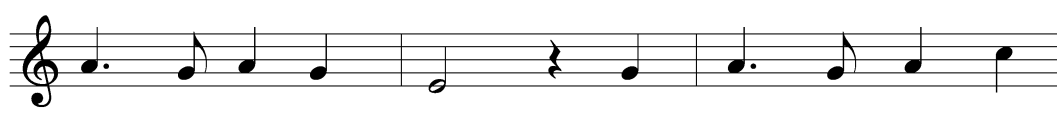
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 67F May the Peoples Praise You

*The Church sings Psalm 67 in services that celebrate mission work.*



1 You have called us out of dark - est night in -  
2 May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that  
3 All the earth is yours and all with - in, each  
4 May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for  
5 This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare your



to your glo - rious light, that we may sing the  
broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and  
har - vest is your own, and from your hand we  
those who have not heard. May songs of praise build  
prais - es and your name to ev - 'ry na - tion,



won - ders of the ris - en Christ. v. 2  
 deep - est joy, with end - less life. Refrain  
 give to you, to make Christ known. v. 4  
 lives of grace to spread your Word. Refrain  
 tribe, and tongue, your church pro - claim. Final Refrain

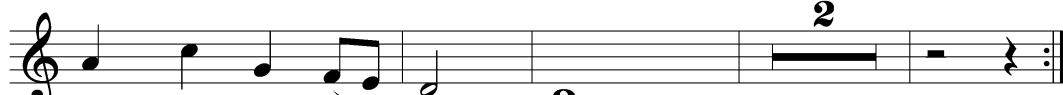
*Refrain*



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad.



All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may



praise the name of Je - sus.

*Final Refrain*



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad. All your



bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus.



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad. All your



bless-ing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus.

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 2:13-22**

*God is in the midst of a building project - a holy temple where He dwells. He spares no expense, spending the life and blood of His own Son so that all may be built together and live with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in peace. We too are living stones, built together on Jesus Christ.*

**B**ut now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**Alleluia!**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*In the face of a test from Jesus, a Canaanite woman demonstrates great faith in God's promise for all people*

**L**eaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

*Be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY | 855 The Church's One Foundation**

**SERMON** Matthew 15 Humbly Confident

*Please stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Ephesians 2:13**

## **Matthew 15:21-28**

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4  
Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1  
Colossians 1:16*

**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 truly 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.**

*Romans 10:9  
Matthew 16:16  
John 3:16  
John 1:1,8,12,17:22  
Colossians 2:9  
John 1:2  
John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23  
John 6:41; Luke 15:20  
Luke 1:34-35  
John 1:14  
Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18  
Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53  
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11  
  
Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38  
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6  
John 15:26  
Mt 3:16-17  
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21  
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4  
Psalm 106:48*

*Be seated*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray to the Lord for all that we need and on behalf of all people, that He may bestow upon us the riches of His grace and that we may receive His gifts with faith and thanksgiving in our hearts.

For those outside the kingdom; for missionaries near and far; for the ministries of our Church whereby the Gospel is spoken to those who have not heard; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, for husbands and wives to live in faithfulness to each other, for all mothers with child, for all children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the healing of the sick, the relief of the suffering, the comfort of the grieving and the peace of the dying, and for those who care for them in their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Special intercessions may be spoken here*

Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace to endure the changes and challenges You have put before us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)*

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast

with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

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 my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of eight lines of music. The first line is a short phrase. The second and third lines form a full phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the fourth and fifth lines. The sixth and seventh lines form another full phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The eighth line is a short phrase: 'A - men. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN 768 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**

**HYMN 570 God Loved the World So That He Gave**

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN 870 O Church, Arise**



*We thank our Lord for Ali Wiedmann and her gifts, used to adorn our worship with music this morning!*