



The 7th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

July 27, 2025 | 9:00am

Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Receiving Communion

- *You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*
- *Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*
- *Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine).*
- *If you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion.*

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex

(lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.**

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

#410, *The Hymnal 1982*
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Opening Proclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and 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.

Song of Praise

#376, v. 1, *The Hymnal 1982*
Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:20-32

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking?

Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm

Psalm 138

Reader: Let us respond to the Psalm, saying, "The name of the Lord is glorified by our voices."

Reader: I will give thanks to you,
O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing
your praise. I will bow down
toward your holy temple and
praise your Name, because of
your love and faithfulness;

People: ***The name of the Lord is
glorified by our voices.***

Reader: For you have glorified
your Name and your word
above all things. When I
called, you answered me; you
increased my strength
within me. All the kings of
the earth will praise you, O
LORD, when they have heard
the words of your mouth.

People: ***The name of the Lord is
glorified by our voices.***

Reader: They will sing of the ways
of the LORD, that great is the
glory of the LORD. Though
the LORD be high, he cares for
the lowly; he perceives the
haughty from afar.

People: ***The name of the Lord is
glorified by our voices.***

Reader: Though I walk in the
midst of trouble, you keep
me safe; you stretch forth
your hand against the fury of
my enemies; your right hand
shall save me. The LORD will
make good his purpose for
me; O LORD, your love endures
for ever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.

People: ***The name of the Lord is
glorified by our voices.***

The Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-15

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word is a lamp
Amy Grant and Michael W Smith



Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my

path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un - to my

path. When I feel a-fraid and I think I've lost my way,-----
I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my

still, You're there right be - side me. Noth-ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus be my guide and

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.-----
hold me to your side. I will love You to the end.-----

The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The 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 who is
worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. This morning we pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Renk, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Anne, Rev Jane, and Deacon Linda.

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader: We pray, Lover of souls, for all those who are being exploited. We pray for those in bondage. We pray for those who suffer because of the greed of others. This morning we pray for: ***The peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of gun violence; the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for those in war-torn places, especially Sudan, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Lebanon, Congo, and Haiti.***

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Leader: This morning we pray especially for **Ron, Matthew, Sandy Sue, Helga, Jenna and Josie, Carter, Nicky, Mary Pat, Donnie, Karen and Jon, Bonnie, Kate, Sharon, Wendy, Tina, Doug, Lisa, Karen, Mark, Kaye, Jill, Matt, Dan, Walter, Frank, Linda, Jerry; A.S., Ellie and Ashley, Merritt and Mills, and Tommy.**

Leader: This morning we pray for the birthdays of **Linda** Lutter (7/27), **Jenn** Gruber (7/28), **Nicholas** Gruber (7/29), **Linda** Waynick (7/31) and **Geoff** Pullinger (7/31) and the anniversary of **Dan and Carol** Sluga (7/27) and **Anne and Walter** Smith (7/30).

Leader: We pray for our friends in Madagascar: **Laundrina, Clarita, Manirisoa, Norbert, Louisiano**; for our scouts and leaders; and for all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Moshe** McLain, **Liam** Mellen, **Christopher** Pavy, **Nick** Unda, **Karl** Mohrmann, **Trish** Hull, **Clay** Anderson, and **Quinton** Hocking.

Celebrant: Lord of gifts, share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom; give to us a yearning impatience with injustice; free us from clinging to debts gone bad; teach us to pray with honesty in words filled with earth and lit by desire; through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee

People: **Amen.**

The Confession

Deacon: God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

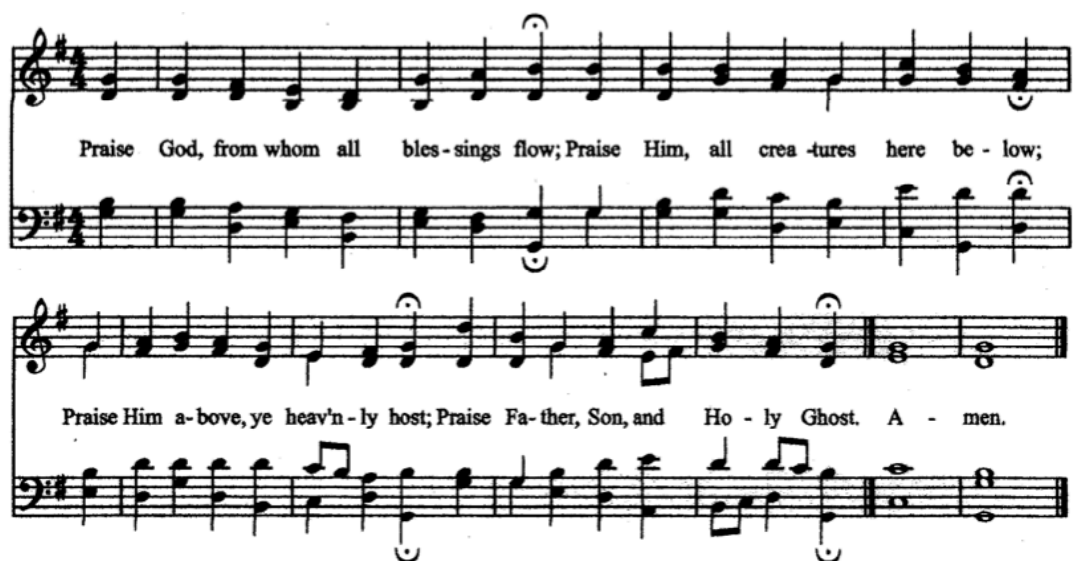
Celebrant: We meet in Christ's name.

People: **Let us share his peace.**

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory Hymn

#488, *The Hymnal 1982*
Be Thou My Vision



Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood."

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Prayer Book 1982, Prayer IV

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 God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery shone clear that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.
Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, greeting fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we say:
***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***

We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

People: AMEN!

*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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Alleluia.

People: *We are one body because we share one bread and one cup. Alleluia.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: God has called us to the heavenly banquet, the table is blessed and ready, let all come.

Communion Hymn

*#711, The Hymnal 1982
Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant and People: *Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all humankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*#542, The Hymnal 1982
Christ is the World's True Light*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

Worship Ministers

<i>Crucifer</i>	David McClain	<i>Healing Minister</i>	Carol Anderson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Selena McClain	<i>Ushers</i>	Cindy and Geoff Pullinger
<i>1st Reader & Psalm</i>	Geoff Pullinger	<i>Sunrise Minister</i>	Elizabeth Danos, Jay Stripling, and Steve Kublis
<i>2nd Reader</i>	Carol Anderson	<i>Digital Verger</i>	Jennifer Edwards
<i>Prayers</i>	Miriam Berry	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Br. Dunstan, OLV
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope