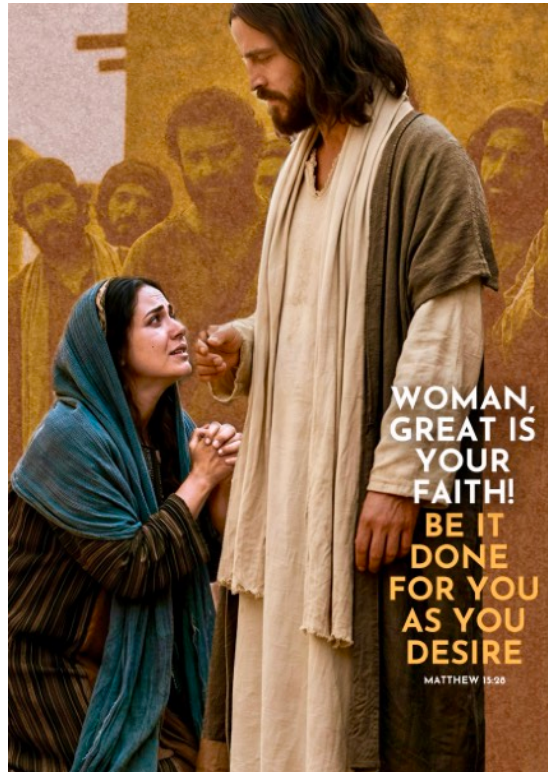


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Education Sunday



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Prayer Upon Entering Church: O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion Statement: All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

**Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Lord, my God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howso'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes. Amen.**

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [Sung] Amen.

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

P: The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**C: To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for
help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

C: Blessèd be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with thy spirit!

(prayed together) – **Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn *TLH 296 "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"*

**Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.**

**Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word;
But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.**

**Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need;
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my Soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light Thro' death's vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.**

**Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heav'n enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heav'nly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory *TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns *TLH 522 "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"*

When in the hour of utmost need We know not where to look for aid;

When days and nights of anxious thought Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

Then this our comfort is alone, That we may meet before Thy throne

And cry, O faithful God, to Thee For rescue from our misery;

To Thee may raise our hearts and eyes, Repenting sore with bitter sighs,

And seek Thy pardon for our sin And respite from our griefs within.

For Thou hast promised graciously To hear all those who cry to Thee
Through Him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our Advocate.

And thus we come, O God, today And all our woes before Thee lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on every hand.

Ah! hide not for our sins Thy face, Absolve us through Thy boundless grace,
Be with us in our anguish still, Free us at last from every ill,

That so with all our hearts we may To Thee our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Thy Word And now and ever praise Thee, Lord. Amen.

TLH 349 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love"

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart with Thee And reign without a rival there.
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

Oh, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but Thy pure love alone!
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.

O Love, how cheering is Thy ray! All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, Nothing desire or seek, but Thee!

This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.

Oh, draw me, Savior, e'er to Thee; So shall I run and never tire.
With gracious words still comfort me; Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from every guilt and fear; No sin can harm if Thou art near.

Still let Thy love point out my way; What wondrous things Thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me lest I go astray; Direct my work, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear Thy voice and know that love is near!

In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my Rod and Staff and Guide And draw me safely to Thy side! Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* And His mercy endureth forever.

The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 7 "As We Begin Another Week"

**As we begin another week, In Jesus' name this boon we seek:
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.**

**Thy gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labor evermore;
Our hearts with Thy good Spirit fill That we may gladly do Thy will.**

**In every season, every place, May we regard Thy Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last.**

**And keep with angels in Thy rest The endless Sabbaths of the blest.
This grant to us through Christ, Thy Son, Who reigns with Thee upon Thy throne.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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"Let this, then, be said for encouragement, not only for those of us who are old and grown, but also for the young people, who ought to be brought up in Christian doctrine and understanding. Then the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer might be taught to our youth more easily. Then they would receive them with pleasure and seriousness, and so they would use them from their youth and get used to them. For the old are now nearly past this opportunity. So these goals and others cannot be reached unless we train the people who are to come after us and succeed us in our office and work. We should do this in order that they also may bring up their children successfully, so that God's Word and the Christian Church may be preserved. Therefore, let every father of a family know that it is his duty, by God's order and command, to teach these things to his children, or to have the children learn what they ought to know [Ephesians 6:4]. Since the children are baptized and received into the Christian Church, they should also enjoy this communion of the Sacrament, in order that they may serve us and be useful to us. They must all certainly help us to believe, love, pray, and fight against the devil."

Large Catechism Part V, 85-87

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO: THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

The Salutation (“The Lord be with you”) simply means “greeting” and is a liturgical greeting by which the pastor blesses the people, and receives a blessing in response from the people (“And with thy spirit”). We see a similar blessing in Ruth 2:4 as Boaz comes to his reapers and says, “The Lord be with you!” and they answered, “The Lord bless you.” We see it also in Luke 1:28 when the angel Gabriel comes to Mary, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” Finally, we see it in 2 Timothy 4:22, “The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.”

What follows is the Collect of the Day, which “collects” into a brief prayer what we ask of God in this service. Oftentimes it will pull out a theme from the readings assigned for that Sunday.

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Hymn # 1: Scripture: Psalm 100:4; Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte; Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty; Author: Benjamin Schmolck (1732, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Neander; Composer: Joachim Neander, 1680.

Hymn #296: Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:10; Rede, liebster Jesus, rede; Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth; Author: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt (1685, ab.); Translator: George T. Rygh (1909); Tune: Werde munter; Composer: Johann Schop (1642).

Hymn #522: Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:12; Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein; When in the Hour of Utmost Need; Author: Paul Eber (1560); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt.); Tune: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten; Source: “Genevan Psalter”, 1547.

Hymn #349: Scripture: John 14:15; Jesu Christ, mein schonstes Licht; Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me; Author: Paul Gerhardt (1653, cento); Translator: John Wesley (1739, alt.); Tune: Vater unser; Source: Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1539.

Hymn # 7: Scripture: Revelation 1:10; Heut’ fangen wir in Gottes Nam’n; As We Begin Another Week; Author: Martin Wandersleben († 1668); Translator: W. Gustave Polack (1940); Tune: Herr Jesu Christ, mein’s; Source: “As Hymnodus Sacer”, Leipzig, 1625.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, August 17th**: 2 Timothy 1
- **Tuesday, August 18th**: 2 Timothy 2
- **Wednesday, August 19th**: 2 Timothy 3
- **Thursday, August 20th**: 2 Timothy 4
- **Friday, August 21st**: Titus 1
- **Saturday, August 22nd**: Titus 2
- **Sunday, August 23rd**: Titus 3

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Table of Duties: To Parents

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

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Prayer for Departing Church: O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ’s sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.