

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 - 9:30 am

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

All: To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

L: God of all peoples, C: your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Pew Bible pg. 1149

Psalms 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

L: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth¹ stand in awe.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Pew Bible pg. 1521

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Welcome Song *"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."*

Children's Message & Sermon

Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 588

Offering / Offertory

Fragrant Offering

Screens

Apostle's Creed

ELW Pg.105 / Screens

Prayers of the People

Response, L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Communion Welcome: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending Hymn

My Faith Looks up to Thee

ELW 759

Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Bell / Postlude

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We Thank

Ushers / Tech Desk

Pianist: Paula Geier

Reader & Communion: Ashley Schoumaker

We remember in our prayers:

Nordland: Jerrod Quade (upcoming surgery/recovery), Kathy Chesness (illness), Terry Porter (illness), Philip Bergstrom (long term care), family of Joan Schmidt, Nordland's Call Committee;

Friends: Maggie & Michael Kihui (terminal illness), Jacob & Emily Peterson (fertility), Carol Rohr (illness), Wilder Christenson (infant illness), Nick Carlson (kidney transplant), Bob Olson (illness)

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today	9:30 / 10:30	Worship / Fellowship
Wed.	5:45 pm	Education Board Meeting
Sun.	9:30 / 10:30	Worship / Fellowship

Sympathy to the family of Joan Schmidt, who died on Aug. 12, funeral will be at Nordland on Thursday, Aug. 20, 11:00 am, the visitation will begin at 9:30 am.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 am fellowship for cake & coffee to celebrate Doris Nygaard's 95th Birthday!

