Song Service

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: JJ "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

LSB 837

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified

 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Stand

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Spirit.
- 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

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PSALM PSALM 131

- P O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
- my eyes are not raised too high;
- **P** I do not occupy myself with things
- **©** too great and too marvelous for me.
- P But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
- like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- P O Israel, hope in the LORD
- **G** from this time forth and forevermore.

HYMN: ♪ "PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING"

LSB 789

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing
 Food for Your children,
 By Your wise guiding
 Teach us to share
 One with another,
 So that, rejoicing
 With us, all others
 May know Your care.

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Stand

INTROIT PSALM 75:1–2, 6, 9

- P It is God who executes judgment,
- **©** putting down one and lifting up another.
- P We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
- **©** We recount your wondrous deeds.
- **P** At the set time that I appoint
- I will judge with equity.

- **P** For not from the east or from the west
- and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.
- P But I will declare it forever;
- I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PROVERBS 25:2–10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: JJ"LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS"

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion
 That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die,
 There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken.
 Jesus, You are now our head.
 We are Your own living members;
 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly,
 Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be,
 Life eternal grant to me.

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EPISTLE HEBREWS 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN: ♪J "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"

LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 Stand in His strength alone.
 The arm of flesh will fail you,
 Ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the Gospel armor;
 Each piece put on with prayer.
 Where duty calls or danger,
 Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The strife will not be long;
 This day the din of battle,
 The next the victor's song.
 The soldiers, overcoming,
 Their crown of life shall see
 And with the King of Glory
 Shall reign eternally.

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HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

G☐Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say

to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in 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 table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

CREEDAL HYMN: カ"WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD"

LSB 953

- 1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host; All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds, Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs. Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

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Stand

OFFERTORY

☐☐ 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.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♪ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

LSB 781 V. 1-2

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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Sit

HYMN: "J"SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"

LSB 842

- Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

HYMN: カ"GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT"

LSB 907

1 God Himself is present:

Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple;

All within keep silence;

Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.

He alone

On His throne

Is our God and Savior;

Praise His name forever!

2 God Himself is present:

Hear the harps resounding;

See the hosts the throne surrounding.

"Holy, holy, holy!"

Hear the hymn ascending,

Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear

To us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises

That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,

Purify my spirit,

Trusting only in Your merit.

Like the holy angels,

Worshiping before You,

May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will

Ever still

Rule Your Church terrestrial

As the hosts celestial.

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Stand



BENEDICTION

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

G几Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: JJ "SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE"

LSB 917

- Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
 Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
 Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
 With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
 Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
 From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
 For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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SILENT PRAYER

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