

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22-23, 2020

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."



**Music of Preparation,
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ROOTED in Christ, GROWING TOGETHER in Christ, BRANCHING OUT in Christ!

Welcome! Welcome to this opportunity to worship our loving and life-giving God! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. *(Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate, **not in the envelope basket.**)*

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

To Our Visitors...Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. If you need assistance, we have a nursery for children up to age 4 manned with people who love to share the love of Christ with little kids in the lower grade wing. The nursery is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:05 worship service. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" *LSB, hymn #524*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.

(Moment of silent reflection)

P: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,

C: **merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung) *Mark 10:47*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

(Sung)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your living Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

(Please be Seated)

THE READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8 *(One Body In Christ)*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's

mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *John 20:31*

C: **(Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 *(You Are The Christ!!)*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"

LSB, hymn #537

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Sermon: "WHO is Jesus?"

Matthew 16:13-17

Tithes and Offerings will be collected as you leave worship

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith using Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

C: [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day

He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Father, grant that we may join Peter's good confession and graciously invite others to do the same as we both declare with our mouths that Your Son Jesus is the Messiah and believe in our hearts that You have raised Him from the dead. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P: Merciful Father, come among Your people throughout the world as they gather today around Your Word and Sacraments. Be present especially with Your children who suffer physical persecution for following Jesus. Strengthen all pastors, especially those in leadership nationally, in our District and Circuit that they may hear Your voice in Your Word and speak Your truth in love for the edification of Your people. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P: Merciful Father, bless our elected officials, especially our President, our Governor, and the mayors of Kankakee, Bradley, and Bourbonnais. May they with all leaders may carry out Your will in their positions of public trust, and that Your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in this and every land. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P: Merciful Father, grant healing to the sick, comfort to the suffering, strengthen the injured, and carry the dying. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Fill with serenity those who suffer to bear their afflictions patiently. Draw near to those who grieve, and enkindle hope in their hearts toward the day of resurrection. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P: Merciful Father, grant us Your mercy as we walk the pilgrim way, and bring us at last with all Your saints to the day of the resurrection of all flesh where Jesus will be all-in-all. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P: Almighty God, we pray for our world for we are in need of Your peace, compassion, and strength. Break down the dividing walls of hostility that rise up between us and bring comfort to all those who suffer injustice and violence. Bless our communities and bring protection to those who peacefully protest, to our businesses, and to those who serve in Law Enforcement. Help us to love one another as You have loved us. Even while we strive to live at peace with one another, fix our eyes on You, Lord Jesus, for You give us the peace that this world can never give. Lord Jesus, we confess,

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

C: 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB, hymn #549

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.]

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.]

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
[Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.]

Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
[The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.]

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
[Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.]

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.]

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.]

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Gordon F. Palmer, for his 81st birthday, August 24th, by wife Julie Palmer and children and grandchildren; in thankfulness for God's blessings on our 49th anniversary, by Mike & Kay Clendenin.

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WORSHIP NOTES

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (Psalm 122:1)"

We are glad that we can gather in worship as God's people. However, we do need to proceed with precautions at this time.

1. You are welcome to attend. however if you have a fever or are not feeling well, please stay home and watch our services online.
2. As you enter, there will be hand sanitizer available for you, but please feel free to bring your own.
3. As you arrive for worship, we ask that you practice social distancing between family groups (6 feet between groups in pews and two chairs of space between groups at the school location).
4. Pick up your own bulletin and please take it with you or place it in the trash or recycle can as you leave.
5. If you choose to use a hymnal, please leave it by your seat and it will be wiped down before being returned to its spot.
6. While we are not shaking hands at this time, you can still greet your friends and those sitting nearby.
7. We will have our normal style service, with responses and singing. Please feel free to sing. But to be cautious, please wear your mask while singing.
8. Collection of Tithes and Offerings will be taken near the exits after the service. You may simply place your offering in them as you leave.
9. The pastors will not formally greet you in line as you exit. However, the pastors are available after the service if you have any cares or concerns.
10. **Communion. Please wear your mask coming up to communion. For the Traditional services, you will receive the bread and wine as you come forward. When a group has gathered, the Pastors will speak words of distribution for the bread and then the wine before dismissal. Remove your mask when consuming the elements. The Pastors and Lay Ministers will be wearing a mask and will use hand sanitizer before serving the elements. Afterwards, dispose of the empty container in the baskets. Children are welcome to come up for a blessing during communion.**