



# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

## ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

God is faithful. It is one of His attributes. Unlike humanity, He is completely and perfectly faithful. As God's children, we are called to live lives of faithfulness, just as He has been faithful to us. This deep-rooted trust in God's provision and redemption calls us to find fullness in Christ and empty ourselves into His discipleship.

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**P** Pastor      **L** Leader      **C** Congregation/All  
✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

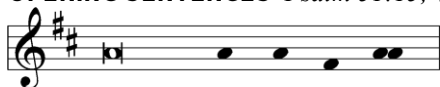


Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship. Today's service follows the Order of Matins. Matins, which means "of the morning," is the name given to the service of prayer that has been used by the Christian Church at the start of a new day. "As the Christian congregation prays Matins, it receives the new day as a gift from God's hand with praise, thanksgiving, and intercession."

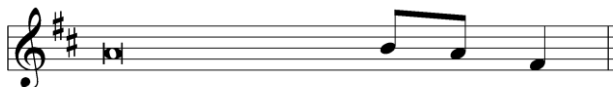
## PRELUDE & WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

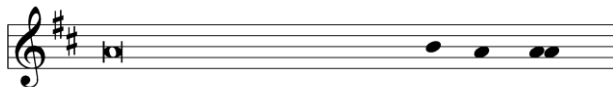
#### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:15; 70:1*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
 Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

# **VENITE | O Come, Let Us Sing** *Psalm 95:1–7*

*Tune: DIADEMATA ("Crown Him with Many Crowns")*

**C** (sung) Come let us praise the LORD, with joyful noises sing;  
 Unto the Rock Who saves us now we come our thanks to bring.  
 Great is the LORD, our God: Above all gods He's King.  
 His hands reach to the depths of earth, His love and care to bring.

The mighty hills are His; He made and owns the sea.  
 He formed the dry land with His hands—to Him our praises be.  
 We kneel before the LORD, we worship and adore;  
 He is our Maker and our God, we praise Him evermore.

We are the LORD's own sheep. He holds us in His hand;  
 He leads us into pastures green and feeds us from the land.  
 All praise eternal Son, for Thy redeeming love,  
 With Father, Spirit, ever One, in glorious might above.

# **VERSE OF THE MONTH** *Psalm 98:4*

**C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
 and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Proverbs 25:2–10*

*The wisdom of Proverbs teaches us not to think too highly of ourselves.*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is

unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower

**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE** *Hebrews 13:1–17*

*As the letter of Hebrews concludes, the author shares final instructions regarding godly living.*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>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

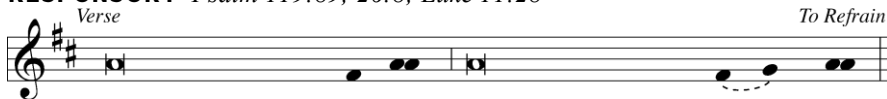
in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>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** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORY** *Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 14:1-14*

*Rather than seeking power, popularity and prestige, disciples of Jesus seek to share and to serve.*

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>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?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"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, <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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**C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON HYMN 857 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

### SERMON Faith-FULL: “Hosts”

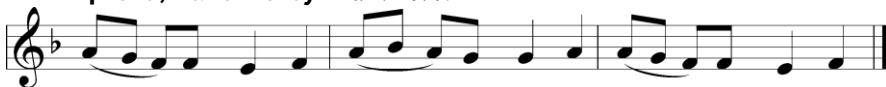
## HYMN OF PRAISE 941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Hymn 941 is a version of the Te Deum (Latin for “[We praise] You, O God”), a song of praise dating from the ninth century.

## GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

### KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR GRACE

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any

kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

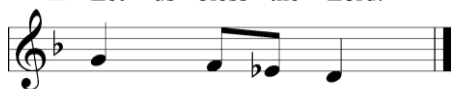


Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

### **BENEDICTION** 2 Corinthians 13:14



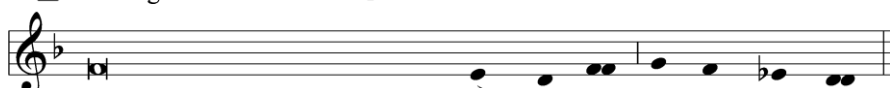
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The grace of our Lord ☩ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

### **CLOSING HYMN 844** “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*This week’s takeaway: Although we may not readily admit it, we have a lot to be humble about. In what ways do we misuse position, title, or status symbols to elevate ourselves and put others down? Rejoice instead that God has given you a place at His heavenly, eternal banquet table, inviting you (and other sinful, broken people like you) to a place of honor, saying, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10).*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Anthony Brandt, Jaxson Clayton, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Jacob Beerman, Easton Oetting, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Ann Wolters, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Lisa Arnett, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Gene Virus, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

**Ongoing:** Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Grifft, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Celebration:** Gary & Judy Beissenherz, 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Death:** Jim Schulze, brother-in-law of Lana Schulze

**Nation and World:** the people of Palau

**Partners in Mission:** St. Paul Lutheran Church; Fulton, MO and Rev. William Heaton; LCMS – Missouri District

**Birthdays:** (8/31) Aiden Frerking, Blakely Frerking, Kelly Meyer, Sharon Oetting, Wesley Schemmer, Tucker Strobel, Peyton Woods; (9/1) Sharla Heimsoth, Braden Hemme, Kent Kunkel; (9/2) Julie Dieckhoff, Karen Duensing; (9/3) Cooper Hamilton, Kevin Hemme, Mark Petersen, Deborah Woodall; (9/4) Wyatt Jones, Clarissa Merritt, Erin Moore, Wendell Olson; (9/5) Angela Beerman, Mitchell Close, Kenneth Frerking, Addilyn Meineka, Jordan Murray; (9/6) Betty Brackman, Ray Schuknecht, Bryce Strobel, Leanna Watts, Arianna Wilson

**Anniversaries:** (9/1) Cass & Kendra Hemme, Mike & Cindy Rodewald; (9/2) Dale & Julie Dieckhoff, Randy & Brenda Frerking; (9/3) Jeff & Gina Martens; (9/4) Logan & Lindsay Estes

## FAMILY FOOTNOTES

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

I am always strengthened by the words of the apostle Paul. I was reading a devotion yesterday that talked about how Paul signed his letters when he was imprisoned. He never signed them, “prisoner of Festus,” or “prisoner of Caesar,” or “victim of the Sanhedrin,” but instead “*a prisoner for the Lord.*” (Look at Ephesians 3 & 4). I would think that solitary confinement would have to be one of the worst things imaginable, yet Paul wrote some of his most beautiful words from behind bars. I do believe that it is because Paul focused on something outside of himself. He focused on his Heavenly Father, and because of the trials he endured, he was able to strengthen others. The trials we go through here on earth that strain us to our breaking point are the strands that strengthen and ground us in something outside of ourselves. These experiences allow us to come alongside others and be encouragers, pointing to something beyond the prison walls...the hope and promises that are found in Jesus Christ alone. When trails come your way, run into the arms of your Savior, ground yourself in His truth, pray for provision, peace, God’s abundance, and strength to take the next step. “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” *Ephesians 3:20*

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 707, 688, 851, 783, 427, 828, 685



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