

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2022
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.
Bold text indicates the congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

The prelude marks the beginning of our preparation for worship. We use it as a time of silent meditation and prayer.

*Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive!
Colossians 3:14-18*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Now We Join in Celebration

arr. Johannes Brahms

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn on the following page.

Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries that they bring.
 2. Clouds of light surr - ound the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low - ers ap - pear,
 3. Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand dif - frent ways,
 4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to be sur - prised



Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing; some have songs they want to sing.
 saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
 but they share one thing in com - mon: they all end in thanks and praise
 by the host whose hands are wound - ed, who will o - pen wide your eyes



Oth - ers ask why they're in - vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done.
 Pe - ter tells of his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight;
 for the host who has in - vit - ed north and south and east and west
 when he bless - es bread and breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—



Christ in - sists they all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 to con - verge a - round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 and then pass - es wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.



Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*The apostolic
greeting quotes
the apostle Paul
(2 Cor. 13:14)*

The Gloria ("Glory to God...") is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Je-sus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

L A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

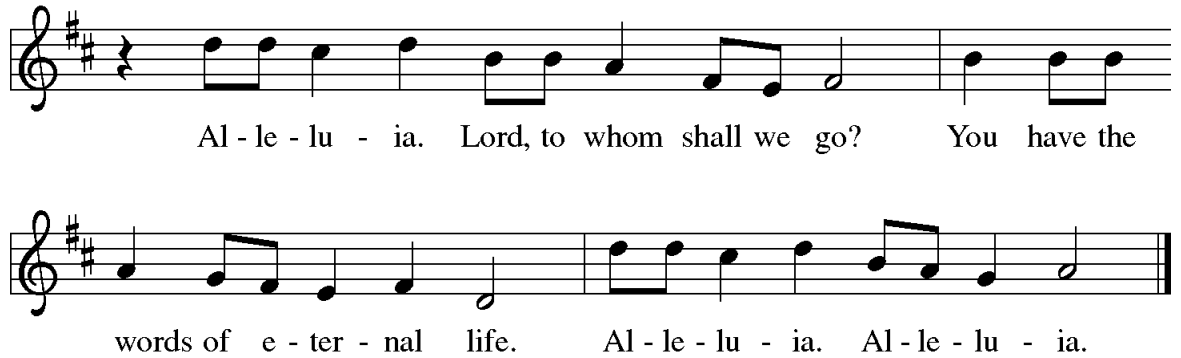
¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand as we are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Acclamation gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic bible reading in the liturgy.

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at 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 the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor Keith Olivier

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 462

Now We Join in Celebration

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

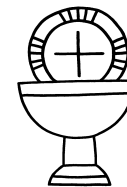
P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**



We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

The Offering

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

Offertory Anthem

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Finnish folk tune

Arise, my soul, arise!
Stretch forth to things eternal
and hasten to the feet of your redeemer God,
who, hid from mortal eyes,
yet dwells in light supernal;
so worship God in humbleness, your sov'reign Lord.
The banquet of love
awaits you above;
yet here you have a foretaste of the feast to come!
Rejoice, my soul, rejoice,
to heav'n lift up your voice:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

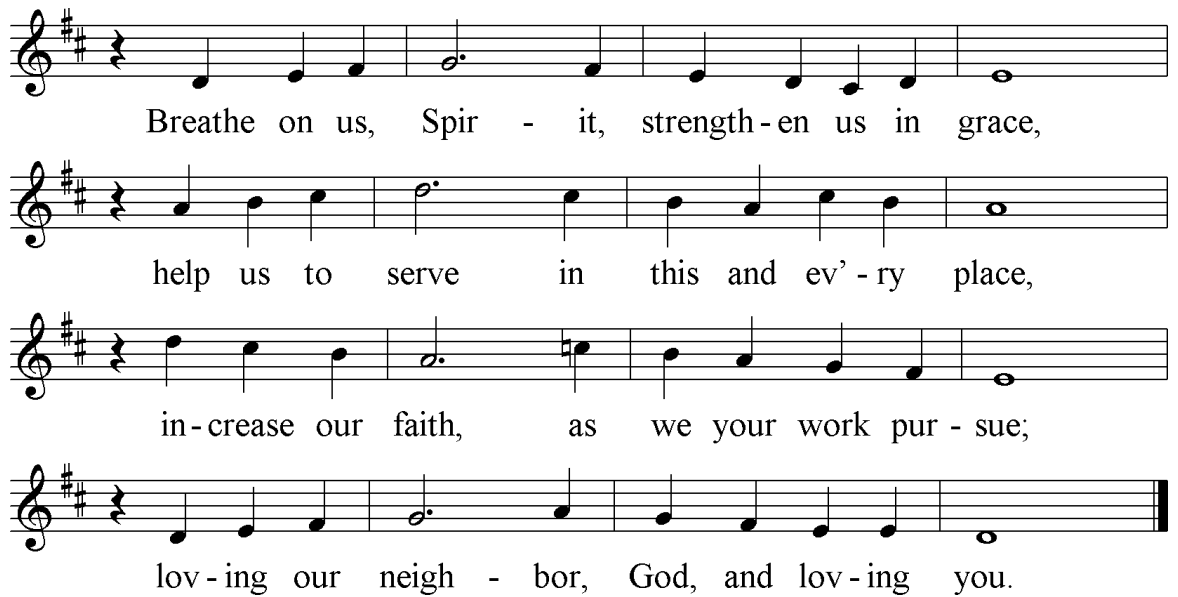
Now hear the harps of heav'n!
Oh, hear the song victorious,
the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky!
To mortals is not giv'n
to join in strains so glorious;
yet here on earth we too can sing our praises high!
Christ bought with his blood
the ransomed of God;
to him be everlasting pow'r and victory.
And let the great amen
resound through heav'n again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- text by Johan Kahl, tr. Ernest E. Ryden

Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

Offertory Response

Breathe on Us, Spirit



Breathe on us, Spir - it, strength - en us in grace,
help us to serve in this and ev' - ry place,
in - crease our faith, as we your work pur - sue;
lov - ing our neigh - bor, God, and lov - ing you.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of abundance:

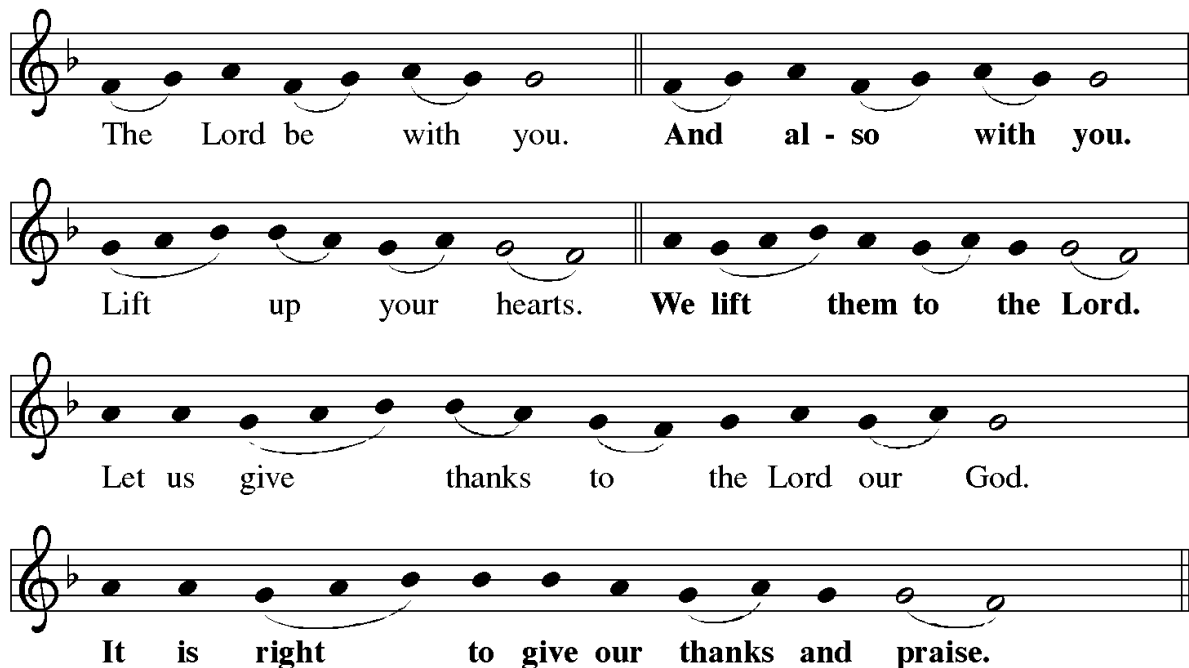
C **you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.**

Amen

Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

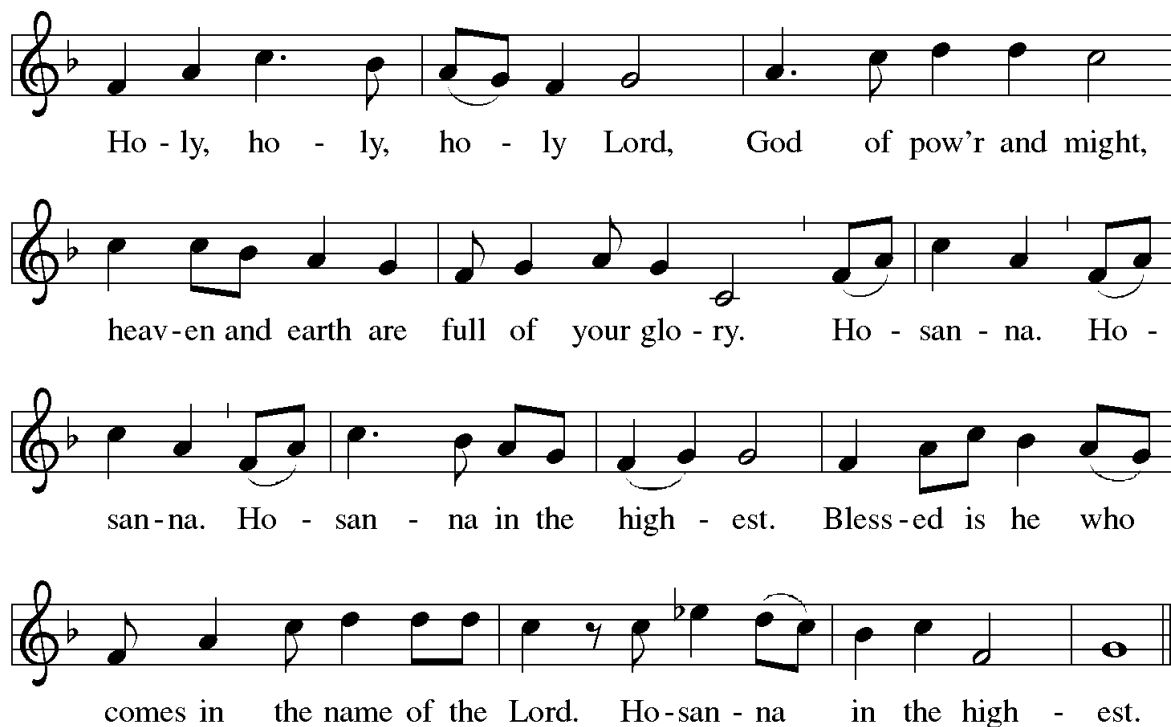
The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach 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**

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion.

Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

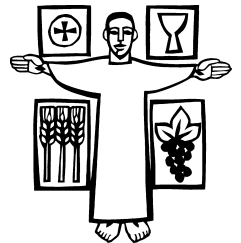
We are seated.



**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

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We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return
to our pews by way of the side aisles.



Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Life-giving God,

C through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

C Amen

Hymn 547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we

Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Frank Stoldt



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