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# **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **August 15th, 2021**

**Spend Time**

**in the Word**

## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Today we consider why we follow Jesus. We see many people stop following Jesus because His words offend them. When Jesus asks the disciples if they want to stop following Him as well, Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Not only does Jesus have the words of eternal life, but He also gives us the food of eternal life—His body and blood. As we gather for worship, we gather around God’s Word and God’s Meal—the Lord’s Supper.

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

LSB 905

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

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#### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Habakkuk 2:1-3, 3:17-18*

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,

People: **and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Leader: Day to day pours out speech,

People: **and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,

People: **whose voice is not heard.**

Leader: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

People: **In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

Leader: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

People: **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

Leader: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

People: **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: **the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever,

People: **the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

People: **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

People: **in keeping them there is great reward.**

Leader: Who can discern his errors?

People: **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

**People: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

**People: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**All: 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.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 14:18-25*

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. In the Law it is written, “By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*John 3:5-16*

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Thy Strong Word”*

LSB 578 vs. 1-4

## SERMON

*“Make it Plain”*

*Habakkuk 2:1-3, 3:17-18*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life.

People: **As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food.**

Pastor: Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You.

People: **We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again.**

Pastor: Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts.

People: **Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom.**

Pastor: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief.

People: **Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions.

People: **Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need.**

Pastor: Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church.

People: **Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

### **\*\*5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE\*\***

## HYMN

### ***"Freely, Freely"***

CCS 17

*by Carol Owens*

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to. ***Refrain***  
***Refrain: He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live."***
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His pow'r as He told me to. ***Refrain.***

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## EVENING PRAYER

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## LORD'S PRAYER

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## CLOSING HYMN

### ***"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"***

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**\*\*9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP \*\***

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*Written by Eric Wyse & Dawn Rogers CCLI Song No. 106879*

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.  
Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost our way.

**Chorus:**

**You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

3. Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne. **Chorus**

HYMN

*“Not What These Hands Have Done”*

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CLOSING HYMN

*“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”*

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**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM WORSHIP**

**Ron Stimpson**  
Elder  
**Peggy Baney**  
Organist

**9:00AM WORSHIP**

**Thom Miller**  
Elder  
**Denise Edwards**  
Organist  
**Ryley McKeown**  
**Camden Pantekeok**  
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