

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "Voices Raised To You We Offer" LSB 795

**Voices raised to you we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

**All creation joins to praise you; Earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!**

**Christ, the song of Love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace,
For your living, suffering, dying, for your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**

**Spirit, flaming through creation, kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**

**How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

INVOCATION

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

DOXOLOGY

LW 461

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:8-13

What does [God's Word] say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

(John 6:68)

C: **Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." ²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴He

answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LW 352v 1,2,5

God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered
death;
All who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with
your free Spirit.**

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, 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.**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" LW 312

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and
wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown his
head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest
song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.**

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,

The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE