

# 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023



**St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

*“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Rebecca James

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

### OPENING HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 588

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 67

*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia.* Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 4:23)

## GOSPEL

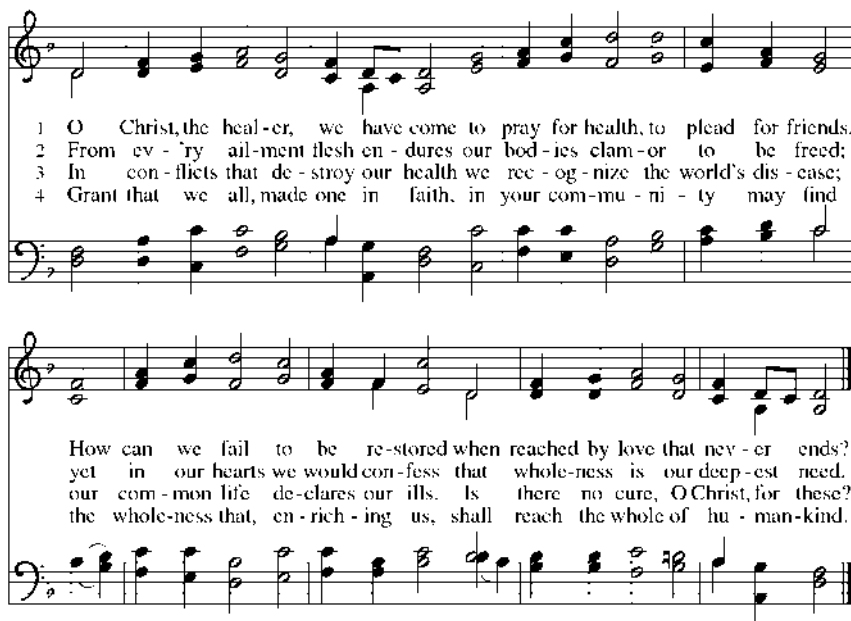
Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*     ELW 610



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod-ies clam-or to be freed;  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-mu - ni - ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.  
our com - mon life de-claims our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**After each petition:** Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Offertory on "Tender Thought"*

Gerald Peterman

## OFFERTORY

### *The Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Words on Screen**

## PROPER PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**WOV 616A**

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might;  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 759, 712, 677, 697

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 866

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*Rise Up and Serve the Lord*

Patricia Lou Harris



**Faith Formation/Christian  
Education**

Sunday 8:45 a.m.

**Worship with Holy  
Communion**

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Communion with  
Rite of Healing**

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

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