



GRACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH • SCHOOL



**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 22, 2020 - 5:00 PM**

**AUGUST 23, 2020 - 10:45 AM**

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “For Many Years, O God of Grace”  
*(sung to tune: wie schon luechtet)*

**For many years, O God of grace, This church has been your dwelling place  
And we your congregation. Oh Christ, our precious cornerstone,  
Our faith is built, and Christ alone Is still our one foundation.  
This day We pray: “Let us greet you, Lord, and meet you  
Here with singing, All our praises to you bringing.”**

**Here children have been born anew As manifold as morning dew,  
Their vows to you confessing. Here many found a table spread,  
They ate Christ’s body with the bread And drank the cup of blessing.  
This day We pray: “Let none falter At your altar.  
We adore you, Gladly worship here before you.”**

**Here when the marriage vows were made,  
Both bride and groom besought your aid,  
Your love their own transcending. Here mourners, with their troubled hearts,  
Have found the peace your Word imparts, The joy that has no ending.  
This day We pray: “May the story of your glory  
Here resounding Be a song of grace abounding!”**

## **\*THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**People: 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.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”  
(sts. 1 & 3)

*Hymn 576*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain**

**Refrain**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**

## THE FIRST READING

*Psalm 138:3-8*

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. <sup>4</sup>May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. <sup>5</sup>May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. <sup>6</sup>Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar. <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever - do not abandon the works of your hands.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:13-18, ESV*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew , the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **\*SERMON HYMN**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”  
(sts. 1, 3 & 4)

*Hymn 493*

**A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**“You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **THE SERMON**

**“Saying Goodbye”**

*Acts 1:1-11*

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

### **\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

## **\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Built on the Rock”  
(sts. 1 & 5)

*Hymn 645*

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

## WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

The Guest Preacher	Brendon Moore
The Liturgist	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Lector	Jan Struck
The Usher/Greeter Team	Don & Connie March

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Guest Preacher	Brendon Moore
The Liturgists	The Rev. Charles T. Reich, Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Sound Technician	Bruce Wales
The Elder on Duty	Martha Walker
The Lectors	Lou Marinelli, Sharon Marinelli
The Welcome Team Greeter	Julie Cross
At the Welcome Center	Janice Graydon
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister

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