



**Pentecost 12**

**August 22, 23, 24, 2020**

**WORSHIP FOCUS**

*We hear our Savior God ask us, "Why did you doubt?"; and we see that the Christian answers doubt with faith.*

**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
**with Communion**

**Opening Hymn – 339 v. 1,4**

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

**Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.**

**However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,**

**However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,**

**Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,**

**What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?**

**When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,**

**We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Confession & Absolution**

**P:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good**

**I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy    *Kyrie***

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be To God    *Gloria in Excelsis***

*(Tune: CW 334 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)*

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together...

### **PRAYER of the DAY** *(spoken together)*

**Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## First Lesson

## **1 Kings 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup>He came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him saying, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup>He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup>After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup>He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will

kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup>But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

**Psalm 73** (*speak verses, sing refrain*)

*Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

I am always with you, O LORD;\*  
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,\*  
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?\*  
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**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.**

**Refrain**

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**Second Lesson**

**James 1:2-8, 12**

<sup>2</sup>Consider it complete joy, my brothers, whenever you fall into various kinds of trials, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces

patient endurance. <sup>4</sup>And let patient endurance finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

<sup>5</sup>If any one of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives it to all without reservation and without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

<sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, without doubting, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>In fact, that person should not expect that he will receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who endures a trial patiently, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God promised to those who love him.

### **Verse of the Day**

*Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Gospel**

**P:** The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 14, verses 22-33.

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup>In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward

them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup>Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

*After the Gospel:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day – 405 v.1-3, 6** *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink*

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink**

**Though pressed by many a foe,**

**That will not tremble on the brink**

**Of poverty or woe,**

**That will not murmur nor complain**

**Beneath the chast'ning rod,**

**But in the hour of grief or pain**

**Can lean upon its God,**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear**

**When tempests rage without,**

**That, when in danger, knows no fear,**

**In darkness feels no doubt,**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this,**

**And then, whate'er may come,**

**We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss**

**Of an eternal home.**

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.

**Sermon**

**1 Kings 19:9-18**

*The Lord's Answer to Despair*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

***For our Visitors: “May I receive the Lord’s Supper here today?”***

*The Lord’s Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. We also recognize from God’s Word (1 Corinthians 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used for the wrong reasons by someone who does not understand it correctly, receiving the Lord’s Supper can actually cause spiritual harm. For that reason we, like the corner druggist, do not dispense it over-the-counter. Out of concern for each individual’s spiritual welfare, we try to ensure that communion will be properly used by all*

*in accord with our Lord's own will. We ask that if you have not received this sacrament here before, to please refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. If you prefer, there is a non-alcoholic, lighter-color wine available in the center of the tray.*

### **The Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, ...  
...who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.  
...Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus**

*(Tune: CW 279 - O Word of God Incarnate)*

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.

Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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.**

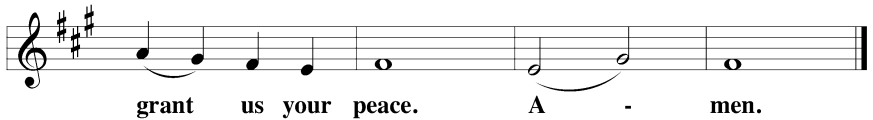
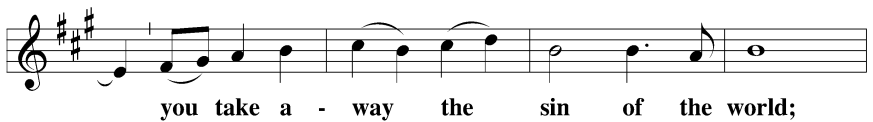
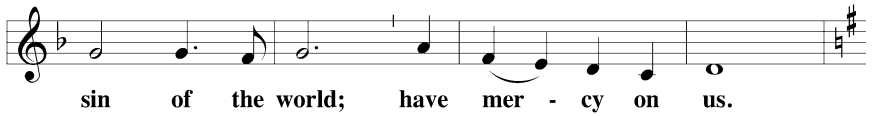
### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**



## The Distribution

**Hymn – 443 v. 1-3, 6** *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*  
**Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing;**  
**A cheerful trust maintain,**  
**For God, the source of ev'rything,**  
**Your treasure shall remain.**

**Why spend the day in blank despair,**  
**In restless thought the night?**  
**On your Creator cast your care;**  
**He makes your burdens light.**

**Did not his love and truth and pow'r  
Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did he not in threat'ning hour  
Turn dreaded ills away?**

**Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust his guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.

**Song of Simeon    *Nunc Dimittis***

(Tune: CW 131 - *All Glory, Laud and Honor*)

**O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

\*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

†The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

‡The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).



## **Serving Us Today**

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