

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SAT. AUG. 15/SUN. AUG. 16, 2026



WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

OPENING HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/YTrpUggejMY?si=VdU2c02xKugGyq-s>

- 1.Open now the gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**
- 2.Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!**
- 3.Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here The seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**
- 4.Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.**
- 5.Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 791, St. 1 & 5

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/9jkuZGJ5tVQ?si=Mlyc0ZMyw6qxCR-c&t=12>

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

56 Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1–2, 13–15, 28–32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalms 147:2-3

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs

eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

LSB 653

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/2jTxtDt8EGE?si=4lNNFZT9zi4zGMjQ&t=33>

**1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 With God there is no tribe or race;
In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through
Our faith in His dear Son.**

**3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame,
From spite and enmity!**

**4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child
Is surely kin to me.**

**5 In Christ now meet both east and west;
In Him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the triune name and teaching them all things He has commanded. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

LSB 940 Sts. 1 & 5

https://youtu.be/jeoWDE1_4qw?si=uKeliFAEGKMbfBPB&t=25

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee,
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee,
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God, the Hope of Sinners” Tune: *LSB 842*

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/1LFe8b2U7wc?si=D7gbd-PmTelmqLP2&t=30>

**Lamb of God, the hope of sinners,
You have cleansed each spot and stain.
Send Your light and shine Your glory
That the world may see again.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Grant us peace, O Lord, we pray!
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Bring us to Your endless day.**

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✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*

- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/8oXg_YnlwC4?si=4hMNmOaW2RAAZu_6

**1 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.**

**2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity
Be praise now and eternally!**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Thank We the Lord”

Tune: LSB 493

https://youtu.be/46HC2__7PpM?si=r49l6ATqDyTLEEdE

**Thank we the Lord and sing His praise.
Tell ev’ryone what He has done
With rejoicing, His name voicing.
He has His promises fulfilled;
Christ kept them just as He had willed.
Shout we, praising, His fame raising.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have gathered us into Your house of prayer and fed us with the gift of Your mercy in this Sacrament. Enable us now to welcome all who join us by Your calling into the joyful fellowship of faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LSB 832

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/1r-CqjwDFHI?si=aRmpgbQdf0Ei16TZ>

1) 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.

2) To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

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

4) Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5) Let ev'ry creature rise and bring

**Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3.

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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gonski
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A PASTOR** to be considered on Hope's Call List, please see Peter Voigt (Head Elder) for the form. *You must personally know the Pastor in order to nominate him.* The completed form will be submitted to the District President for consideration.
- **JUST A REMINDER:** Please turn in your luncheon reservation by August 23 for Pastors' retirement on August 30th.

- **WOH WILL BE COLLECTING Back packs and School Supplies for Trina Metz's school, Beach Elementary School Round Lake Beach IL and Melani Wachholder's school Wheatland Center School Burlington WI until August 22/23. Here's their wish list: Beach Elementary School- a lot of black dry erase markers, glue sticks, crayons, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, Clorox wipes, and backpacks. Wheatland Center School Burlington- Classroom needs are hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, zip lock bags dry erase markers and backpacks. The supplies can be placed in the white bin under coat rack.**
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP: We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.**

THIS WEEK

Reader:	Brian Larie
Communion:	Peter Voigt
Ushers:	Sue Robinson & Gail Feick
Fellowship:	Mary Beth Fragassi & Evie Benedick
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader:	Paul Trettin
Communion:	Peter Voigt
Ushers:	Kim Zembal & Phyllis Klen
Fellowship:	Kathleen Blume
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Klen

BIRTHDAYS

08/18	Mary Beth Fragassi
08/19	Lucas Muur
08/19	Larry Dellavedova
08/21	Bob Blume
08/23	Mary Ann Platz

Calendar of Events This Week

08/17/26–08/23/26

Monday:	11:00am	T.L. Seniors
Thursday:	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA Meeting

