

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

September 7, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #686: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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 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.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C: **O Lord, make haste to help me!**

L: Let them be put to shame and confusion

C: **who seek my life!**

L: Let them be turned back

C: **and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!**

L: May all who seek You rejoice

C: **and be glad in You!**

L: You are my help and my deliverer;

C: **O Lord, do not delay!**

**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.**

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Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

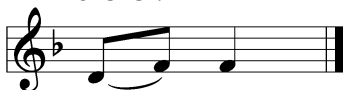
Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- L: Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament: Isaiah 29:17-24 (ESV)

- Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.
For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

"Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

For when he sees his children,
the work of My hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify My name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (ESV)

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #528: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10–12

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have poured out the Holy Spirit on Your church that the Body of Christ may be built up through the many and various gifts Your Spirit gives. Grant that we may receive our God given time, talents, and treasures with thanksgiving and faithfully put them to use for the good of our neighbor and the advancement of Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**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.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #619: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
2. #578: Thy Strong Word
3. #563: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
4. #917: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Thank the Lord (sung) (stand)

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

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.

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

Hymn #669: Come, We That Love the Lord

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