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

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**Welcome to worship!** Jesus builds His Church upon the confession that He “is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” “I will build My Church,” Jesus says, “and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” He builds it by forgiving sinners; sinners like us. Sinners who are His disciples sharing His Word of Life with others

A **Nursery** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a **Comfort Room** is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

All **Sunday School classes and Bible Classes** will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup>. See today’s insert for classes, times, and locations. Join us for our Rally Day event, and sign up online today!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 9:00 and 7:00 services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the bread, which will be dropped into your hand, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle.

**Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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#### THE PRELUDE

THE HYMN: “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Hymn 912

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

#### THE INVOCATION

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

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.**

#### THE CONFESSION

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.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

#### THE KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P 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.**  
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** "This is the Feast of Victory!"

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** (we pray together) **Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (we speak together) **"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1-6**

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33 – 12:8**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one

who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20** C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (Sung)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 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. 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. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (Sung)

**THE HYMN: "Built on the Rock"**

**Hymn 645**

- 1 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.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 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."

**THE SERMON: "My Church"**

**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.

## THE PRAYERS

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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.**

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

C **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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

C **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: 628, 783, 614, 575, 940**

### 628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

#### 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

1 "As surely as I live," God said, "I would not see the sinner dead.  
I want him turned from error's ways, Repentant, living endless days."  
2 And so our Lord gave this command: "Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;  
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace Who will repent and mend their ways.  
3 "All those whose sins you thus remit I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins you will retain Condemned and guilty shall remain.  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will loose, that shall be free;  
To My dear Church the keys are giv'n To open, close the gates of heav'n."  
5 The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.  
6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.  
7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.  
8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

#### 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 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  
ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.  
2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain  
3 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  
4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

#### 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1 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.  
2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!  
3 Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.  
5 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.

6 From Thy high celestial home, Judge of all, again returning,  
We believe that Thou shalt come On that final judgment morning,  
When Thy voice shall shake the earth And the startled dead come forth.

7 Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray, By a thousand snares surrounded;  
Keep us without sin today, Never let us be confounded.  
Lo, I put my trust in Thee; Never, Lord, abandon me.

#### THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C 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.**

#### THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Hymn 865

1 Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of truth In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn  
In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray For needed help from day to day  
That as Your children we may live, Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray, Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase Our faith till we depart in peace.

#### THE POSTLUDE

**Preacher:** Pastor Bloch **Liturgist:** Pastor Rodriguez  
**Lector:** Vicar Fredstrom **Organist:** Mrs. Katy Rudzinski  
*Pastor Blumenberg is serving today at Farmers Retreat.*

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