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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – God's people have gifts that are signs of His loving presence and demonstrations of His gracious power. In a sermon preached in 1538, Martin Luther observed, "Whoever comes to faith can only say that the Holy Spirit comes when and where and to whom He pleases at the time He pleases. He comes when and where He pleases and also gives a person as many gifts as He pleases" (WLS § 2057). As people in whom the Spirit dwells, we have the joy of discovering special gifts of God in one another and in ourselves as well. May that mutual discovering and celebrating be truly God pleasing in every way!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"O God, the Rock of Ages"

by Lani Smith

WELCOME

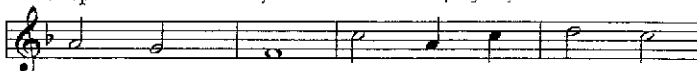
♩ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

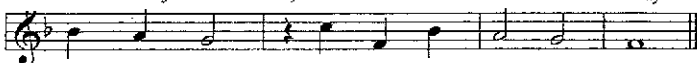
Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, And make this
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal Our emp - ti -
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri -
4 Come as the Dove, and spread Thy wings, The wings of
5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers; Make a lost



house Thy home; De - scend with all Thy
ness and woe; And lead us in those
fi - cial flame; Let our whole soul an
peace - ful love; And let Thy church on
world Thy home; De - scend with all Thy



gra - cious pow'rs; Oh, come, great Spir - it, come!
paths of life Where - on the righ - teous go.
of - f'ring be To our Re - deem - er's name.
earth be - come Blest as the church a - bove.
gra - cious pow'rs; Oh, come, great Spir - it, come!

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.*

C **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P *God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

P *But we will bless the LORD*

C **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

P *As for me, I have set my King*

C **on Zion, my holy hill.**

P *I will tell of the decree:*

C **The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**

P *Praise the LORD, all nations!*

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

P *For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

All: **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.**

P *But we will bless the LORD*

C **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: **Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your living Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:1–6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 11:33—12:8

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

Ephesians 2:19b-20

All: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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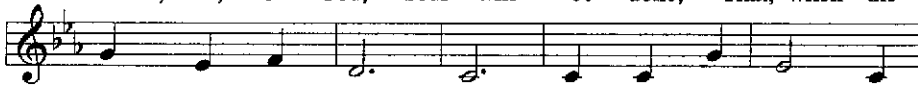
P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on the Rock



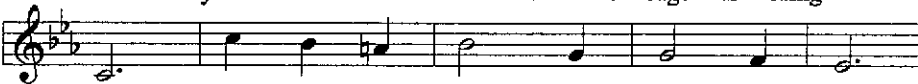
1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

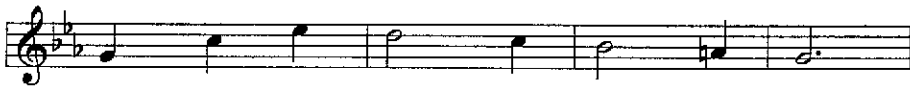


ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.

(continued)



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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SERMON

"BUILT ON THE ROCK"

Matthew 16:13-20

- I. Peter boldly confesses that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- II. That confession is the rock upon which the Christian Church is built.

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Steven Rolan

♪ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Having heard the Word proclaimed, let us pray for ourselves, for all the faithful and for all people as they have need.*

[Brief silence]

- P** *For all people, that they may have faith in Christ and heed the voice of God calling by His Word; for the Church, that the people of God may pursue righteousness with peace and joy in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** *For our president, Congress, governor and all civic leaders in their pursuit of peace and unity; for all judges and magistrates in their pursuit of justice with mercy; and for those who protect us from violence and preserve order here and everywhere, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** *For all who serve others; and for the flourishing of the arts and music; for favorable weather and the fruits of the earth; and for those unemployed, the poor, the homeless, the hungry and all people in need, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all families and children, single adults and youth; for those who teach and those who learn, that they may advance in wisdom and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For victims of disaster and for those stricken by illness or infirmity; for the aged and infirm, as well as those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities; for those who grieve the loss of those whom they love; and for those who meet with sudden death, [and especially for those who have requested our prayers...], let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the work of God's kingdom in this place; for our faithful support of the Church and the renewal of our parish life through the Means of Grace; and for our growth in grace, that we may attain to the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever.
- C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \neq give you His peace. **C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead, As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

“Built on the Rock”

by Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

- Altar Guild.....Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
- Counter..... Carl Kurth
- Elder on Duty..... Tony Williams
- Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
- Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object).....Al Axford
- Service Web Recorder.....Robert Showalter
- Service Live Streaming..... Dave Adam
- Usher..... Phil Vandre

THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

August 30: “Fear and Faith”; Speaker Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Are you living in fear or living by faith? We present a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus.
 (Hebrews 11:1) *It’s “Archives August”.*

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Total General Offering Blessings – (08/01/20 – 08/15/20)	\$ 14,067.52
General Fund	8,425.00
E.C.C. Tuition	5,567.52
Loose Plate & Other Gifts	75.00
Total expenditures	14,974.61
- Surplus / (Deficit)	(907.09)
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit)	(8,780.04)