

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 14]

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“Lord, save me.” One of the most ancient prayers of the liturgy is this cry of Peter in today’s gospel reading. Lord, save me. How many times in frightening moments have we not shouted or murmured this simple prayer? Faced with a threatening situation or devastating news, we recognize that left to our own devices we will not survive. Such a moment of recognition signals our deep need for God’s merciful presence in our lives.

In the liturgy, we hear these words again. Lord, have mercy. Lord, to whom shall we go? Come, Lord Jesus. In our singing and speaking of these words, we ask Christ to strengthen our faith so that we might hear the cry for help in daily life and respond with Christ’s own words: Take heart; do not be afraid.

August 7, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Take Heart!

Everyone experiences challenges along life’s path. A loving couple, eager to have children, suffers yet another miscarriage. A high school track star discovers she has a life-threatening heart defect and struggles to take it easy. A promising corporate manager receives a lay-off notice instead of the promotion he had been expecting. The neighborhood’s favorite grandma decides she must sell her home of forty years and move into an assisted living facility.

When storms assail us, it is easy to lose heart. We yearn to understand: “Why is this happening to us?” We grieve the loss of dreams: “Will I ever feel such joy again?” We are filled with self-doubt: “What could I have done wrong?” We do battle with a sense of dread: “What’s going to happen to me now?”

When Jesus’ disciples were buffeted by wind and wave, Jesus stretched out his hand and reassured them with a grace-filled command: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” He came to them in their terror and restored their faith.

Jesus walks with us on our journey, too, offering comfort, strength, and hope. He takes his place beside us as we are drenched in the waters of baptism. He shadows us, step by step, as we fulfill our roles in the family of God—pointing the way, steadying us when we stumble, nourishing us, quenching our thirst. He invites to his table: “Take and eat; take and drink.”

“Take heart, it is I,” he announces. Fear vanishes. Sorrow fades. Forgiveness flourishes. Grace envelops us. Faith rains down on us.

However rocky our path, however weary we become, we can count on Jesus to be with us. He endured storms more violent than we can even imagine, but through the wind and waves his voice breaks through: “Take heart, it is I.”

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** Stand if you are able.

SETTING ONE -- LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Prochaska

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy God,

we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we want to do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God, save us from shame, and guide us in your way. Amen.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death so that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 718 WOV (blue hymnal)

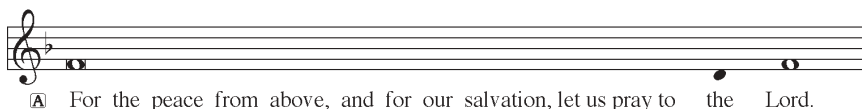
Here in This Place

** **GREETING** (spoken)

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

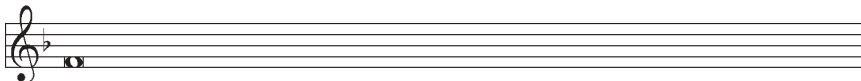
And also with you.

** **KRYIE** (sung)

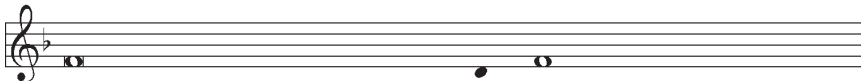




☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



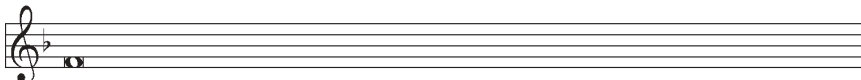
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



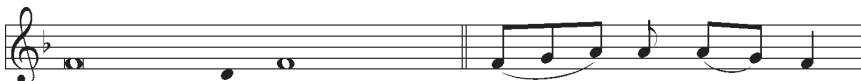
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☒ A - men

**** HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)**



☒ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☒ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**** THE SALUTATION (sung)**



☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are 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 merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings.

On the mountain where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah is now presented with a dramatic shift in the understanding of where God is to be found. God is not to be found in these signs. Rather, God is among the people, where the will of God is being lived out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

Paul is discussing how we may attain the righteousness that leads to salvation. One way, he grants, would be to keep the law, but he has already shown that it is impossible. Then, he proclaims the good news about "righteousness that comes by faith."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** ALLELUIA VERSE (sung)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

** HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to these disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their fear and doubt.

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

(The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.)

** OFFERTORY HYMN (sung)

Let the Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

** OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken)

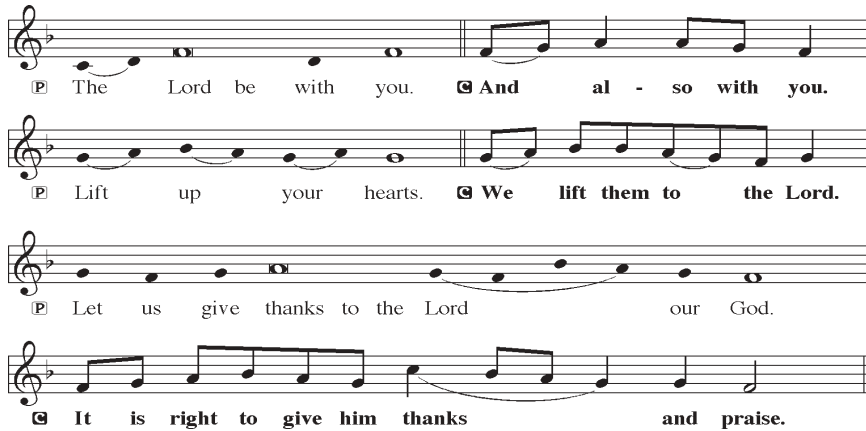
Let us pray.

God of sun and rain, farm and flower,

we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care.

Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung)**



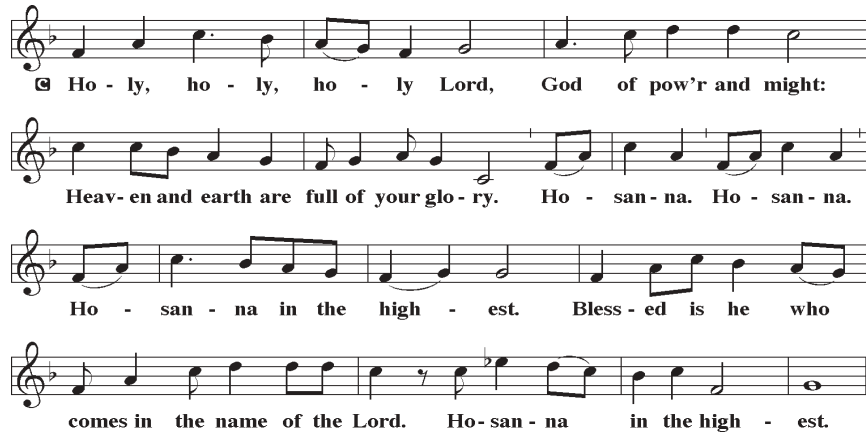
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor continues...

**** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)**

Empowered by the Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung) (as communion assistants come forward)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared around the altar.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

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346 LBW (green hymnal)

When Peace Like a River

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (sung)



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

Cultivate and nourish us, O God, that we may be good soil. Let the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, planted within us now, bring forth rich and beautiful fruit for the life of the world. In his name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (sung)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**** HYMN** 781 WOV (blue hymnal)

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

**** DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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