

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

“What is the World to Me”

LSB 730

**What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shalt be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised and honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth and all that mammon offers
Yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

1 Jn 2:15-17; Phil 3:7-9; Ps. 73:25; Rom. 12:2

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Heb. 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Ps. 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Ps. 32:5*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve 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.

P: 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. *Jn 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD! "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! 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. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD! *Ps. 2:6-7; 115:18; 117*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 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.

EPISTLE LESSON: 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. 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.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 thence 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in endless praise.**

**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.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.**

**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.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.**

Rom. 12:1-2; 6:13; 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Cor. 5:15

SERMON: "Unfolding Your Deck Chair" *Romans 12:1-8*

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Ps. 51:10-12

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

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“Eat this Bread”

LSB 638

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Him and you will not thirst. (Repeat)**
Jn 6:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 6:48-58

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endureth forever. Ps. 107:1

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit. 2 Tim 4:22
P: Bless we the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Ps. 103:1

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C: Amen, amen, amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“In Thee is Gladness”

LSB 818

**In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining, dying or living, to Thee are cleaving;
nought can us sever: Alleluia!**

**Since He is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.**

**Wherefore the story tell of His glory with hearts and voices;
all heav'n rejoices in Him forever: Alleluia!**

**We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

Jn. 16:20-22; 1 Peter 1:6-9; Ps. 30:11-12; Rom. 8:38-39

†† TO GOD ALONE BE ALL GLORY††