



**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**As We Gather**

**PRELUDE**      *"Trumpet Tune On All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*      *David Lasky*

**WELCOME AND GREETING**      *Pastor Tom*

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

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

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen.**



## OPENING HYMN

*"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"*

LSB 570

**1** I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

**2** I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

**3** I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

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## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Give Thanks to the Lord**Psalm 138*

R <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**C <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

R <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

**C <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

R <sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**C <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**

R <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

**ALL <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**READING***The Lord's Comfort for Zion**Isaiah 51:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

# Praise

**GOSPEL READING**

*Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ*

*Matthew 16:13-20*

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

*Learning and Living*  
*Romans 12:1-8*  
*Pastor Tom*

**12** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

**For Application:** *In all his letters, Paul concluded with a list of practical duties that were based on the doctrines he had taught--we call this pairing "learning and living," something we find together (i.e. like cake and ice cream). Another way of saying it is, "What we believe determines how we behave." It is one thing to intellectually understand Paul's teachings, but he meant that these things also translate into living so that in our daily lives our actions show we trust Jesus.*

*\*The key idea in this section of Romans is relationships. They term "relational theology" is a term which captures this best—first, our vertical relationship with God and then, second, our horizontal relationship with others. This means a healthy relationship with God should translate into a healthy relationship with others. 1 John 4:19-21 captures this principle well: <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.*

**P** Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**C Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,**

**O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.**

**2 The Church from You, dear Master,  
Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!**

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continued prayers and financial support during this challenging season!*