

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

Trinity Free Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

INTROIT: PSALM 2:6-7; 117 (ESV)

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ ***I will tell of the decree:***

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

^{117:1} Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

² ***For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!***

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake.

Amen.

135 “COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

2 Jesus, our Lord, descend;
From all our foes defend,
Nor let us fall;
Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defense be made;
Our souls on Thee be stay’d;
Lord, hear our call!

3 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our pray’r attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

4 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour;
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne’er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

CONFESSION OF SIN

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) And so with confidence we bow before the Lord to confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!

O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 51:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹ “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.
- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ “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.
- ⁵ 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.

- ⁶ 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.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 16:13-20 (ESV)

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.

GLORIA PATRI

*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. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Larson Girls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.*

157 "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!"

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph ever more:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

3 His kingdom can not fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Frieda Larson

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 11:33-12:8 (ESV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be
glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} 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. ² 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.

³ 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. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the
members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many,
are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use
them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our
serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ 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.

SERMON

Stephen Larson

#403 "O LET YOUR SOUL NOW BE FILLED WITH GLADNESS"

1 O let your soul now be filled with gladness,
Your heart redeemed rejoice indeed!
O may the thought banish all your sadness
That in His blood you have been freed,
That God's unfailing love is yours,

That you the only Son were given,
That by His death He has opened heaven,
That you are ransomed as you are.

2 If you seem empty of any feeling,
Rejoice—you are His ransomed bride!
If those you cherish seem not to love you
And dark assails from ev'ry side,
Still yours the promise, come what may,
In loss and triumph, in laughter, crying,
In want and riches, in living, dying,
That you are purchased as you are.

3 It is a good ev'ry good transcending,
That Christ has died for you and me!
It is a gladness that has no ending
Therein God's wondrous love to see!
Praise be to You, O spotless Lamb,
Who thru the desert my soul are leading -
To that fair city of joy exceeding,
For which You bought me as I am.

THE 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.

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.