

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, Aug. 28, 2022, at 10 a.m.
Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church & via Zoom*

Welcome friends and guests: Invited and inviting — that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Worship Service: In God's Boundless Diversity, we are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out a yellow guest card and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your visit. Come back and worship each Sunday. *We remain mindful that many people are health compromised and that Covid continues to affect many in our community. For worship, we encourage you to Zoom if you are health-compromised. Please stay home if you exhibit any Covid symptoms. Masks are at your own discretion but are encouraged.*

Holy Communion: The Sacrament is offered to all worshipping with us. Zoom congregants, have your bread/wafer and juice/wine ready. Those worshipping in person may come forward for the sacraments or, cross your arms across your chest for a blessing instead.

Fellowship: Join us after worship for fellowship time to share a cup of coffee/soda and conversation!

Other Information: Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary. Our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, contact Pastor Kate at 619-916-9630 or via email at: kateschlechter2005@gmail.com -- her office hours are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please contact her to schedule an appointment.

~We Prepare for Worship~

Welcome and Gathering of Prayers

~Gathering~

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Installation of the Transition Team

Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called to offer ourselves in service to the world in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those who will serve on the Transition Team during this time of Intentional Interim at Zion's. The following persons were prayerfully chosen by the church council to serve the congregation as your transition team. I ask you to come forward at this time as your names are read.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated us from sin and death and made you members of the Church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. Together with the congregation, let us affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11:

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Renewers of the church, you have been raised up by the church council to companion with integrity, care and honesty, the task of self-study with the overall goal of gaining perspective on Zions' past to focus on its future identity, aspirations and readiness for service in God's world. I ask you, do you intend to faithfully participate in this servant role? If so, please respond in unison:
"I will and I ask God to help me?"

People of God, I ask you, "Will you as baptized faithfully support your Transition Team by engaging in conversation with them, participating in the events they sponsor, and pray for them as together we share in the new creation Christ is preparing in our midst?" If so, answer in unison:

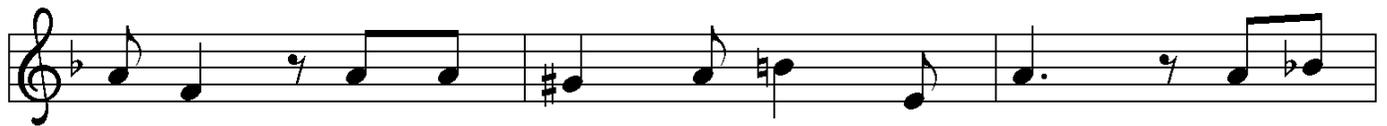
I will with the help of God.

I now present to you, the congregation of Zion's Lutheran Church, your Transition Team. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you may fulfill the ministry to which you have been called. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #486 *God Extends an Invitation*



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Word~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7 (Pew Bible Pg. 530)

A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (Pew Bible Pg. 979)

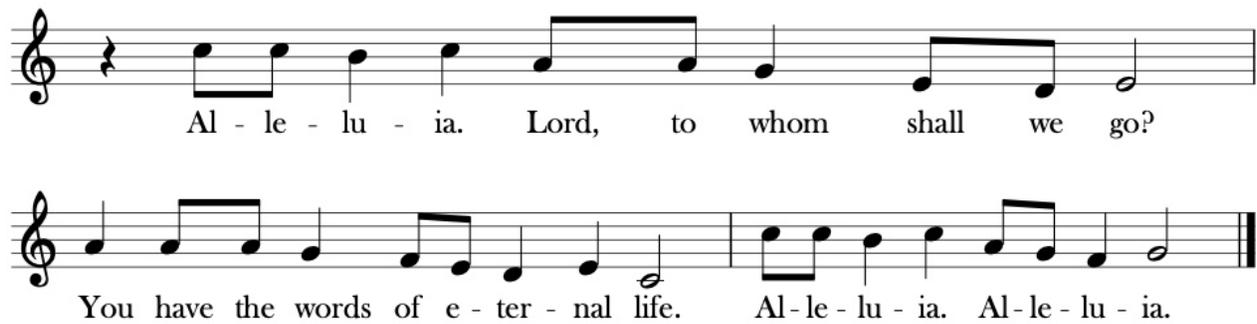
A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (next page)



Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (Pew Bible Pg. 849)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Children of all ages, please come forward

Sermon – Pastor Kate Schlechter

Hymn of the Day: #631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Invitation to Prayer

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Prayers of Intercession

Your response to "Merciful God", is "*Receive Our Prayer*"

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all vicars, deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people including those of our Rocky Mountain Synod. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts, mountains and plains.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and school administrators for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving especially...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all the saints who confessed God's name *especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black*, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. Please share Christ's Peace.

~Meal~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741

Offertory: *God of the Fertile Fields*, verse 3 (next page)

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused, your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

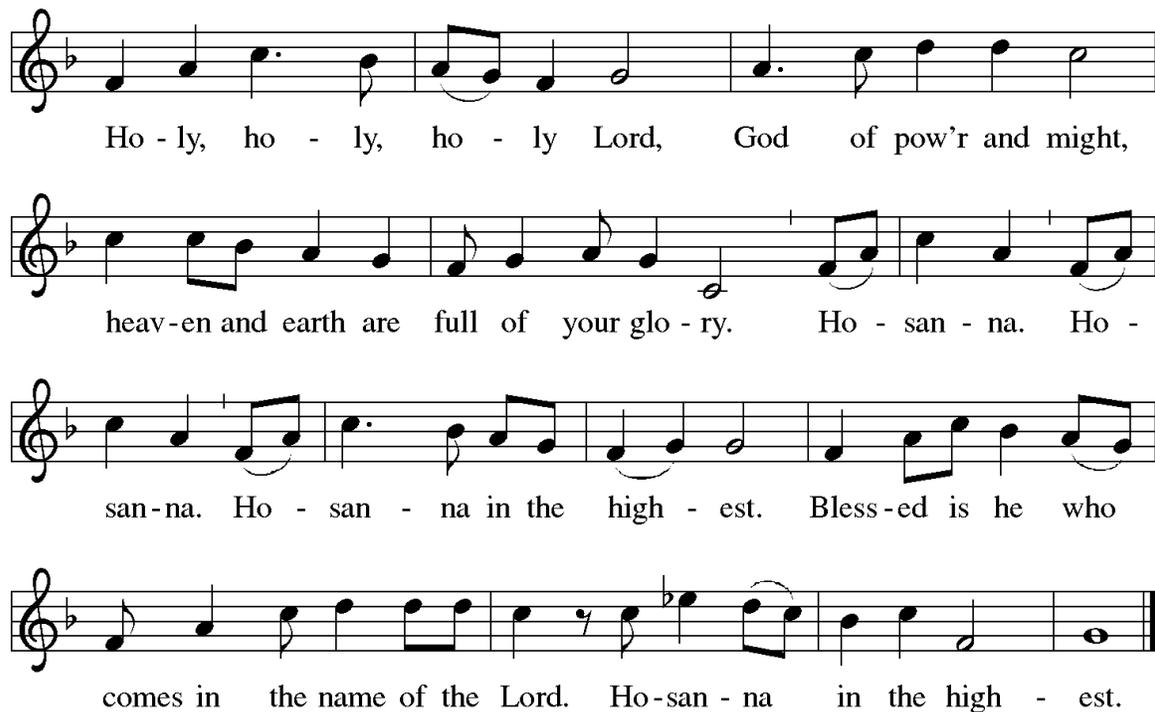
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (next page)



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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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.

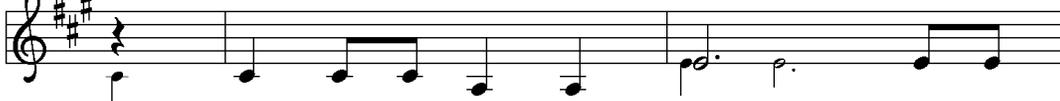
Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Distribution of Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Communion Hymn: #485 *I Am the Bread of Life* (next page)

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



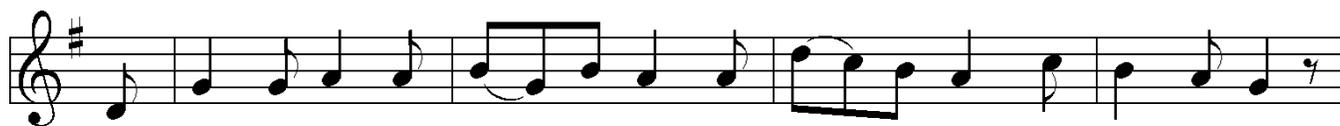
Communion Blessing

May the body & blood of Jesus, strengthen us, preserve us, and unite us in Love. **Amen.**

Song of Thanksgiving



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



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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.

Communion Prayer

Oh God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Blessing & Benediction

Go forth as the people of God to join hands with all who long for faith in a world of doubt and struggle. May our hearts sing with thankfulness for all we receive, our spirits rise in hope as we enter each new day with Jesus Christ and our lives be a sign of a goodness which is freely given to others. And may God Almighty, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sending Hymn: #446 *I'm Going on a Journey*

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1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My

head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;

it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It

real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's

been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll

keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way

I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, August 28, 2022

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kate Schlechter, Lisa Rygiel, and Pamela Nelson-Serafini

Zoom Leader(s): Sharon Sorenson and Ernie Parker

Music: Connie Pallone, Sharon Sorenson and Melodie Lanosga

Ushers: David Serafini and Pamela Nelson-Serafini

Communion: Kathy Nicolai

Flowers: Given by Doris Blalock in celebration of daughter Precious and Aunt Ann's birthdays.

- Join us after worship for fellowship time and to share a cup of coffee/soda and conversation!
- Sunday morning Bible Study is on hiatus until after Labor Day.
- Thank you to all of our 5-Loaves volunteers who on Saturday delivered 200 meals to more than 100 local families.
- Women's Bible Study will resume at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, in person in the Blue Room and via Zoom. In September, we begin a study of Galatians. All are welcome! Join via Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136424723?pwd=TxksQVlIMmo2bVlSekN0dGZqbzF1Zz09> -- Meeting ID: 831 3642 4723, Passcode: 865505 (or call 1-312-626-6799). Some study books are still available, contact Carol Smith with questions or to request a book.
- **IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE UPDATES:**
 - On Sept. 11, in celebration of our God's Work Our Hands ministry, we will have our annual worship and picnic at the Fairgrounds with the Huerfano Valley Singers. This is always an awesome time of worship and community, so bring your lawn chair and potluck dish to share.
 - On Sept. 17, (*note the date change from previous announcements*), we will participate in our God's Work Our Hands project by cleaning up the sanctuary and the church grounds, inside and out. Please mark it on your calendars so we can have great participation. As the proverb goes, "Many hands make light work."



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