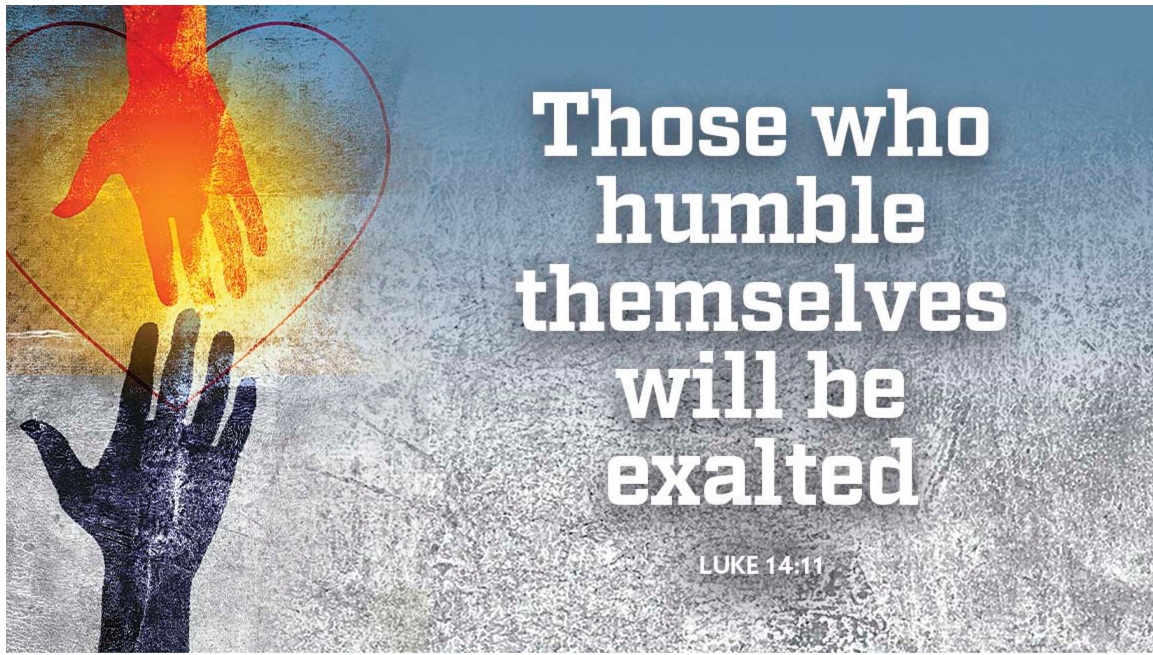


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

31 August 2025

9:30 AM- Livestream



Worship Team- 9:30 AM

Presiding Minister- Rev. Bill Kees

Sermon- Dawn Stafford

Audio/Visual- Malinda Add, Adelio Havens, & Kai Pappani-McDermott

Assisting Minister- Karen Avis

Coffee Hour- Craig Fellner & Diane Fellner

Communion Clean-up- Laura Deaver

Communion Servers- Dave Barnum, Molly Barnum (shepherd), Tod Kimmelshue, Sky Sample, & Rev. William Stomski

Council Person- Mark Kimmelshue

Counters- Lori Briggs-Oman & Lynette Stensrud

Equipping Minister- Vickie James

Healing Ministry- Gen Brink-Capriola

Lector- Julio Quiñones

Musicians- FLC Contemporary Team

Ushers- Joan Palmer & Lynette Stensrud

Welcome Table- Molly Barnum & Laurae Dunn

Cantor- Luke Nicolay

AV Guide-

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Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Prelude on “Slane”
Craig Phillips

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

Welcome

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

Rev. Bill Kees

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gathering Hymn

ELW 532 Gather Us In
v. 1, 3-4

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,

fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.

The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.

**L: 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.

Amen.

**L: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.**

**In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.**

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

Josh Edwards

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Children's Response

Praise Him, Praise Him

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.
Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

First Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Julio Quiñones

[Camera- Lectern Center (8)]

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember 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. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 174 Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Dawn Stafford

[Camera- Talk (7)]

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On 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.

⁷ When 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, ⁹ and 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. ¹⁰ But 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. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He 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 and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Dawn Stafford

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Hymn of the Day

For Everyone Born

v. 1-4

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, New Zealand

Music: Brian Mann, USA

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For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread;
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a start over head.

Refrain

And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share;
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *Refrain*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,

for young and for old, the right to belong. *Refrain*

For just and unjust a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. *Refrain*

Refrain

And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!
Of justice, justice and joy!
Of justice, justice and joy!

Prayers of Intercession

Karen Avis

Response: ACS 1079 Open My Heart

Text: Ana Hernández, b. 1957

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.

The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Yehiel and Jeff.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations (*leaders may be named*), we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Grant wisdom to all in authority, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever.

Sung Response: Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Rev. Bill Kees

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Rev. Bill Kees

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Rev. Bill Kees

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Baptism Video

[VIDEO]

Great Thanksgiving

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

**On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
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.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

Remembering him therefore, let us 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.

Agnus Dei

ELW Setting 10, p. 208

[Camera- Lectern (8)]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Songs

Come as You Are

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[Camera- Processional (3), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been.
Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, oh, sinner come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart;

come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart;
come as you are, come as you are;
fall in his arms, come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; sinner be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart;
come as you are.

Abide With Me

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I have a home, eternal home.
But for now I walk this broken world.
You walked it first, you know our pain.
But you show hope can rise again up from the grave.

Abide with me. Abide with me.
Don't let me fall and don't let me go.
Walk with me and never leave.
Ever close, God abide with me.

There in the night, Gethsemane,
before the cross, before the nails,
overwhelmed, along you prayed.
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame.

Abide with me. Abide with me.

Don't let me fall and don't let me go.
Walk with me and never leave.
Ever close, God abide with me.

Oh, love that will not ever let me go.
Love that will not ever let me go.
You never let me go.
Love that will not ever let me go.
Well you never let us go.

And up ahead, eternity.
We'll weep no more,
we'll seeing for joy.
Abide with me.

Prayer after Communion

Karen Avis

[Camera- Lectern (8)]

**Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Rev. Bill Kees

Sending Song

ELW 583 Take My Life, That I May Be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless 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. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

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

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. *Refrain*

Blessing

Rev. Bill Kees

[Camera- Narthex (15)]

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

**The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✝ bless you and give you peace.**

Amen.

Dismissal

Karen Avis

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Festival Toccata
Percy E. Fletcher

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