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**12th Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025**

**NOTE: Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex for worship services.**  
**Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.**

Presiding Minister	Pastor David Viles
Organist / Keyboard	Kathy Meller
Song Leader	Dan Tschirgi
Acolyte	Lucas Plochberger
Audio / Video Technician	Roger Pennell
Reader	Donald Weber
Council	Debbie Raithel
Greeters	Rosemary & Richard Heidbreder
Altar Flowers	Marlene Carlson

Prelude

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**A Big thank you to Kendall & Hope and Madeline Stubinger** for striping the church's parking lot. It looks really nice.

**Be sure to come for family Day next Sunday.** We will be doing this in lieu of fellowship hour after church. Games and activities will be available once church is over and continue after lunch. Plateware, meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Please contribute 2 sides that could be a vegetable, salad or dessert.

**Adult Choir News:** The Adult Choir will begin singing again in September. The choir is open for anyone to join that loves to sing. We generally select songs that are easy and don't require much practice. Our practice schedule consists of practicing before church. Our first Sunday to sing is September 14th. We try to sing every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month (Bell Choir plays on the first Sunday). Occasionally we may have a small group sing. Also, if you play an instrument and would like to play for church, we welcome that as well. And if anyone would like to lead our singing during worship, we are always looking for song leaders. Music is a big part of our worship service and we want everyone to know that all are welcome to participate.

**Chili Supper** - This year's Chili's Supper will be held on Sunday, October 5th. Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Planning has begun on this event and work schedules and donation listings will be given out soon. Mark your calendars and plan to spend this day in fellowship with your church family and neighbors.

**Hymn History** – Our gathering song “Gather Us In” was written in 1991 by Marty Haugen who is currently Composer-In-Residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Haugen was raised in the American Lutheran Church, graduated from Luther College in Iowa, and became a musician in a Catholic parish before further pastoral education and filling his current position. In addition to many songs in our hymnal, He wrote Holden Evening Prayer that we sing during Lent, and liturgical setting two in our hymnal. Marty Haugen is still composing music and conducting workshops. The hymn we sing today was written to sing “directly to God.” The first verse describes hope for all. The second verse continues with inclusion of every one of every age and status, every degree of faith, and those with physical ailments. The third verse speaks to communion that prepares us. The fourth verse is a reminder that here and now is the time for God, wherever we are.

**NOTE: Use Hymnals to read Music for the Hymns if desired.**

**\*Gathering Song: Hymn # 532 Gather Us In**

- 1     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.**
- 2     We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3     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.**

**4 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.**

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**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence for Reflection*

P: 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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. 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.

**C: Amen**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**GREETING (Please be seated)**

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.**

## **Kyrie: Hymnal Page # 184-185**

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

## **Hymn of Praise: Hymnal Page 185-186**

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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### **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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **WORD**

**The 1st lesson is a reading from Proverbs, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

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

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 112. (Read Responsively)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The 2nd lesson is a reading from Hebrews, the 13th chapter.**

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 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. 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. 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." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation: Hymnal Page 188**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "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, 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. 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. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 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. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And 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. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor David Viles**

**" Humility, Service, and the Kingdom of God"**

## Hymn of the Day: Hymn # 522 As We Gather At Your Table

1 As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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### **\* Apostle's Creed – Please stand.**

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God's love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

### **\*(Please Stand) Offertory:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** You have shown us what is good and showered us with abundance. Accept these offerings, that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit of compassion, we may share with gladness and joy all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied and content, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:**

The congregation's response to "Hear us, O God," is "**Your mercy is great.**"

**\*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.**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing:** (Please Stand)

Pastor David Viles

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song: Hymn # 769**

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

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| 1 If you but trust in God to guide you<br>with gentle hand through all your ways,<br>you'll find that God is there beside you<br>when crosses come, in trying days.<br>Trust then in God's unchanging love;<br>build on the rock that will not move. | 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,<br>in peace and quietness content.<br>We rest in God's good will unfolding,<br>what wisdom from on high has sent.<br>God, who has chosen us by grace,<br>knows very well the fears we face.    |
| 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,<br>in helpless anger and distress?<br>If you are in your Savior's keeping,<br>in sorrow will he love you less?<br>For Christ who took for you a cross<br>will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.            | 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways<br>unswerving, offer your service faithfully.<br>Trust heaven's word; though<br>undeserving, you'll find this promise<br>true to be. This is our confidence<br>indeed: God never fails in time of need. |

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**P: Go in peace. Transformed by Christ.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude