

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2020

Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn – *By All Your Saints in Warfare* – LSB # 517

By all Your saints in warfare, for all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle that they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory reflected from Your throne.

Praise for Your great apostle so eager and so bold,
Thrice falling, yet repentant, thrice charged to feed your fold
Lord, make Your pastors faithful to guard Your flock from harm,
And hold them when they waver with your almighty arm!

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory and praise to God alone. Amen

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us.

**People: but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution (Spoken by Pastor)

Introit

Pastor: But we will bless the Lord

People: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Pastor: As for me, I have set my King

People: on Zion, my holy hill.

Pastor: I will tell of the decree;

People: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love towards us,

People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen

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Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Catechism

Pastor: What is the Eighth Commandment?

People: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

(Collect spoken by Pastor)

All: Amen

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Pastor: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

Epistle Reading – Romans 11:33-12:8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Alleluia

Pastor: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

People: You have the words of eternal life.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:13-20

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed (*Spoken together*)

**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, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will 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.**

Sermon Hymn – *Built on the Rock* – LSB # 645 (v.1-3)

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even while steeples are
falling.
Crumbled have spires in every land; bells still are chiming and
calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all to souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not
dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns heirs of His wondrous
salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, yet He would deign with us to
dwell
With all His grace and His favor. Amen.

Sermon – “Answering the question” – Matthew 16:16

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

All: Amen