

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday School resumes September 12

Worship time in August – 10:00 a.m.

Bible Class 11:00 – 12 with Pastor or Vicar

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS to greet those around us

PRAYER - “Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt His Name together!”
(Psalm 34:3)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to all your people over the years. We ask for Your direction in each of our lives and in the life of Pastor John Pingel. Guide him and his family and help us to be patient, with hope in our hearts, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We thank You, and trust in Your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN - “How Great Thou Art”

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **REFRAIN.****
- 3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **REFRAIN.****

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

People: Amen.

Vicar: “Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your grumbling.”

People: And behold, the glory of the Lord appeared.

Vicar: Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

People: with all humility, gentleness, patience; bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Vicar: “Do not labor for the food that perishes,”

People: “but for the food that endures to eternal life.”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - *(There is silence to call to mind your sins)*

Vicar: Let us call upon the Lord our God that we may know His grace in the forgiveness of our sins.

People: My sins, my guilt, my griefs, my complaints, my burdens, and my cares, all this I bring and lay before the throne of Your grace, O God. For You have sent Your Son our Savior Christ, the spotless Lamb, to bear all this and free me from the heavy load, to wash away the stain, to heal all my diseases, to redeem my soul. Grant this cleansing grace to me, O Lord.

Vicar: “The Lord fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.” (Psalm 145:19)

Upon this, your confession, I, as a fellow Christian and servant of the God’s Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI (insert) - spoken by all

COLLECT OF THE DAY - read by all - (insert)

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT (insert) - Genesis 15:1-6 – Lois Doll, Lector

EPISTLE (insert) - Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8 -16

GOSPEL (insert) – Luke 12:32-40

HYMN OF THE DAY - “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

1. **Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are.**
2. **Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.**

SERMON – “Faith – A Living Relationship With God” – Hebrews 11

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR TODAY’S NEED AND MISSIONS –

Fred Bartz Jr., Prayer Leader

At words of “Lord in Your mercy”

Response of Congregation: “Hear our prayer”

OFFERING -

OFFERTORY - “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, O heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE WORD IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE PREFACE –

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION & COMMUNION HYMNS -

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

1. **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer!**
2. **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discourage – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.**
3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. **Children of the heav’nly Father – safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven – such a refuge e’er was given.**
2. **God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears
them.**

3. **Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.**
4. **Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

“We Remember You”

**In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us.
We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.**

S E N D I N G

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

HYMN - “Beautiful Savior”

1. **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs
of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sor-r'wing spirit sing.**
3. **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars
on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
4. **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!**

ASSISTANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher . . . Pastor David S. Belasic Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
Worship Leader . . . Vicar Domenick Lettieri Lector . . . Lois Doll
Assistants Dave Bartholomew and Roy Sheppard
Prayer Leader Fred Bartz Jr. Welcomer . . . Paul Yox
Ushers Richard Landseadel, Stephen Jarmusz Sr.,
 Stephen Jarmusz Jr., George Merkt, Rose Ann Merkt
Altar Sallie Langner and Sally McAlpine
