

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Who Am I?.

August 27, 2017

## AS WE GATHER

There are many different opinions in our world about who the Lord is, and many of those opinions are based on who people want the Lord to be. What a privilege and joy it is that as we gather we don't need to try to seek and find the Lord and His attributes on our own. Instead, He reveals Himself as who He was, is, and ever shall be, in and throughout Scripture. We hear this today in our Old Testament Reading as God, through Isaiah, calls His people to look and listen to Him as He seeks and makes us His redeemed children (*Isaiah 51:1-6*). As His children, we are part of His Body and blessed to complement one other in faith and fellowship (*Romans 11:33-12:8*) and in the confession of who our Savior Jesus Christ truly is (*Matthew 16:13-20*). As He continues to seek and to find, and by the calling, gathering, and enlightening by His Holy Spirit through His Word, we worship in that promised grace giving certain hope now and in the future.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LSB 904

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Isaiah 51:1-2, 4, 6, adapted*

**P** The Lord, who is the rock of our salvation, invites His people to listen. "Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord."

**C** We confess that we have not listened to the Lord. We have instead listened to what our itching ears want to hear and have shut our ears to the truth of Your Word.

**P** The Lord invites His people to look. "Look to the rock from which you were hewn . . . to Abraham and Sarah."

**C** We confess that we have not always looked to the Lord for our provision, hope, and guidance. We have looked for and to other

**things of this world that have led us astray, through which our worship and prayers have faltered.**

**P** The Lord invites His people to “Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation.”

**C** **We confess that we have become distracted in our earthly pilgrimage. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.**

**P** “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **INTROIT**

*Psalm 2:6–7; Ps. 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

**P** But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!

**C** **As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.**

**P** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

**C** **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**C** **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.**

**P** But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!

**C** *Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C** *To God on high be glory, and peace to all the earth;  
goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,  
where you in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—*

*For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High  
in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.*

## SALUTATION &amp; PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life,

**C** **that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(Please Sit)*

(Listen, look, and give attention to the salvation of the Lord.)

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
For the Lord comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**P** Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

**C** **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE**

Romans 11:33–12:8

(Bound together in faith as one body)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.


For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Please Stand*)

LSB 205

**C**  *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

(Confession of Jesus as the Christ)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said,

**C** “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

**P** He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied,

**C** “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

**P** And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

(Sunday)

The Apostles’ Creed

**C** 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.

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

(Saturday)

*Nicene Creed*

**C** 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(Please Sit)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

*LSB 685*

**SERMON**

*"Who Are You?"*

*Matthew 16:16*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please Stand)*

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world, together and united as one body, grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,
- C** **protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one even to the gates of hell.**
- P** Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O Lord,
- C** **raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge Your authority in gratitude and praise.**
- P** Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,
- C** **arm Your servants with Your mighty Gospel, and cause them again to confess You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.**
- P** Whenever we fail to use the gifts You have placed within us, O Lord,
- C** **turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that You provide within the Body of Christ.**
- P** Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to Your power and glory, O Lord,
- C** **remind us again of the depth of Your riches, wisdom, and knowledge. Call us again to listen, and look, and pay attention that we may seek You where You and salvation will be found.**
- P** Wherever people are in mourning or ill health, without food or shelter, or in any other distress, O Lord,
- C** **visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in Your mercy. Fulfill Your purpose for them.**
- P** We remember before You especially those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. O Lord,
- C** **hear our prayer, Rock of our salvation.**
- P** (*Saturday*) *O Lord, we come to this Table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink the very body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Grant us repentance and faith to*



*receive these gifts to Your glory and for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**OFFERING** (*Please Sit*)

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your name(s) in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

**OFFERTORY**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*LSB 781 v.1-2*

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

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

*[Psalm 136]*

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


**PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208

**C**  *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*(Matthew 6:9–13)*

**C** **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.**

*Sunday Worship continues on Page 12 with the Benediction*

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI


LSB 210

**C** *♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** (*Please Sit*)

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* LSB 618  
*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* LSB 575

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Please Stand*) LSB 211

**C**  *O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
a light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill,  
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**HYMN** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* LSB 918