

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

*Matthew 16:19*

## **Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter’s bold confession of faith. God’s word of reconciliation and God’s mercy are keys to the church’s mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten*

*The paraments are green during the season of Pentecost to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

### **ACCLAMATION**

Bruce W. Tippet

Alleluia. You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Alleluia.

*(Matthew 16:16)*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Musette

Craig Phillips

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*We stand. 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

# GATHERING HYMN 527 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place we then shall see you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels round the throne.  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex - alt - ed thus!"  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the sa - cred Name



Ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"  
And bless - ing, more than we can give, Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.  
Of Him Who sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that 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, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make 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. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 138

Setting by Thomas Pavlechko

*Refrain:* Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast  
love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth. **℟**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD, is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand  
shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works  
of your hands. **℟**



**GOSPEL** Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Wollner

*We stand.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY 587 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ST. HELENA



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM On God Alone My Hope I Build

Felix Mendelssohn

On God alone my hope I build, not in my words confiding;  
In God my heart will rest, fulfilled, at home, in grace abiding.

Lord, speak to me your priceless word, my comfort true, my faithful guard:  
I trust your constant guiding.

*We stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all

creatures here below; praise God above, ye

heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

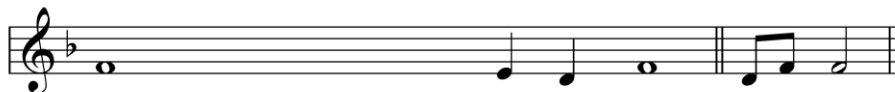
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be thy name,**  
    **thy kingdom come,**  
    **thy will be done,**  
        **on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. A - men.

# SENDING HYMN 813 Faith of Our Fathers\*

ST. CATHERINE

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
 pres - sion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4  
 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain  
 Text sts. 2-4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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\* See announcements for information about this hymn.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING POSTLUDE** Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537ii

J.S. Bach

## *Soli Deo Gloria*

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\* “Faith of Our Fathers” (*ELW* 812/813) is a well-known hymn that was written by a Roman Catholic for Roman Catholics in 1849, but was soon adopted by many Protestants. Today’s Sending Hymn is based on this familiar hymn, but with language that expands the understanding of the Body of Christ. This more inclusive text, written by Joseph R. Alfred was first published in 1981. As you will note the new text moves “from fathers to mothers to sisters, brothers, and ‘faith born of God.’ ” (Paul Westermeyer in *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2010). The author of the hymn says the following about his version [as cited in *Hymnal Companion*, p. 689-90]:

In writing the new verses for “Faith of our fathers,” I wanted to do more than just mention women in passing. I wanted to express the unique contribution of women in many areas of the church’s life, from the church kitchen to the mission field, even in times when those contributions were severely restricted. In verse 3, the setting moves from the past to the present, recognizing that even today, Christians still face persecution, imprisonment and even death for our faith. The last verse affirms the divine source of the faith that gives us strength and vision, uniting us as one Body of Christ across all times and places, all classes and genders, in the continuing “struggle of the cross until the world is made anew.”

# Announcements

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God** and dedicated from Karen and Mike Fitzgerald in memory of their daughter Katie, and her loving, giving spirit.

**This week we keep in prayer Marion Morgan**, 3750 Harper Road, Room 201, Clemmons, NC 27012-8682. Please send **Marion** a note.

**We will take a brief two-week summer hiatus** from Bible study. Bible study will return on Tuesday, September 8. Pastor Paul will lead a four-week course called “Finding the Triune God in Scripture.”

**The book discussion on *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church’s Complicity in Racism*** by Jemar Tisby continues this Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link will be sent out Wednesday afternoon. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lori at [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org).

**Please remember to send in your family photos** for the next family directory. We will be collecting photos throughout the month of August. Please email them to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org). If you need help with a photo, let us know and we’ll arrange for a photographer to contact you. If you are interested in being a photographer, contact Shari Dominguez at [sdominguez@triad.rr.com](mailto:sdominguez@triad.rr.com).

**Dessert with Pastor Lori continues this evening** from 7:30-8:15 p.m. A Zoom Room has been set up so that members from our congregation can click on the link sent out via Flocknote. You can come early, stay as little or as long as you like, and leave when you are ready. Tonight is game night. Come prepared to have some fun. I am looking forward to seeing you all this evening.

**Save the date!** The next drive-through communion will take place on Sunday, September 6.

**Submissions for the September Beacon** should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org) before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26. Looking ahead to the October Beacon, the deadline for submission is noon, Friday, September 25.

**Altar Flower Dedications.** Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office for more information. We currently have open slots for Nov. 8, 22, and 29. The total cost of both bouquets is \$80.

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org).

**God's work continues at Augsburg,** and while we can't gather in person, our hands can still help carry out that work wherever we are through our love and our resources. Because important ministries continue during our facilities closure, offerings can still be shared through any of these suggested options: drop it in the mail, use the bill pay services that your bank offers, or use Realm to give online. Visit our website—[www.augsburglutheran-ws.org](http://www.augsburglutheran-ws.org)—and click on “Give Now” for more information. Thank you for all the ways that you support God's work at Augsburg, your Stewardship Team.

**Readings for next week:** Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Worship attendance for services last week: 217** views on **YouTube**.

### **Providing Service Today**

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