

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

LUTHERAN



FAITH • HOPE • LOVE

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14 & 15, 2021

5:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today we consider why we follow Jesus. In the Gospel, we see many people stop following Jesus because His words offend them. When Jesus asks the disciples if they want to stop following Him as well, Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Not only does Jesus have the words of eternal life, but He also gives us the food of eternal life—His body and blood. As we gather for worship, we gather around God’s Word and God’s Meal—the Lord’s Supper.

PRELUDE

“Prayer of St. Gregory”

Alan Hovhaness

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

- 1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
 Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
 Thee will I love with all my power,
 With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
 Thee will I love, O Light divine,
 So long as life is mine.

- 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
 Who art my best and truest friend.
 Thee will I love and praise forever,
 For never shall Thy kindness end.
 Thee will I love with all my heart—
 Thou my Redeemer art!

- 4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
 Permit me nevermore to stray.
 Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
 And keep me on the narrow way.
 Fill all my nature with Thy light,
 O Radiance strong and bright!

- 5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
 Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
 Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
 And not for hope of high reward,
 For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
 So long as life is mine.

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father:

People: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



1. And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
2. That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;



1. For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,
2. And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



1. At bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
2. We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



1. We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,
2. To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



1. We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
2. And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: 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, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

(We will serve the Lord)

¹ Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!

¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 34:12-22

Leader: Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
People: **keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.**

Leader: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
People: **The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;**

Leader: the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
People: **The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;**

Leader: he delivers them from all their troubles.
People: **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Leader: A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;
People: **he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.**

Leader: Evil will slay the wicked;
People: **the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**

Leader: The LORD redeems his servants;
People: **no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.**

ANTHEM

5:00 p.m.

“Christ, Everlasting Source of Light”

David von Kampen

*Christ, everlasting Source of light, All things are open to Thy sight;
Thou Splendor of Thy Father’s face, Show us the path of truth and grace.
And when our eyes are bound in sleep, The lamp of faith still burning keep;
Thy hand sustain us, while we rest; Remove our sin, and we are blest.
To God the Father, and the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory, praise, and majesty Now, ever, and eternally*

11:00 a.m.

“Let Us Love One Another”

David von Kampen

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent His only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Him.*

*In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

(Walking in the way of wisdom and love)

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51–69

(Jesus is the living bread from heaven.)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

526 You Are the Way; Though You Alone

- 1** You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.
- 2** You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.
- 3** You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4** You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERING

"O God Beyond All Praising"

setting by Ryan Meyer

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Leader: 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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 Your festal banner wave on high,
 The cross of Christ your king.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

3 With all the angel choirs,
 With all the saints on earth
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
 True rapture, noblest mirth. (Refrain)

5 Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. (Refrain)

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6 **At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)**

7 **Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. (Refrain)**

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POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

setting by Charles W. Ore

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Isaiah 29:11-19; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

Find a devotional guide on the readings at www.chapelofthecross.org/walkingtogether

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Adam Rouse
	8:30 a.m.	Jedediah McClellan
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Freund
	11:00 a.m.	Evan Wallace
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Denise Koch
	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
	11:00 a.m.	Nate Laesch
Instrumentalist:	Nate Laesch, trumpet	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	

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the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,
and the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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