

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

**(Bold – Congregation speaks**

**Bold Italic – Congregation sings or chants**

**Hymns in folder)**

### **THE ORDER OF MATINS**

#### **Prelude**

**Hymn of Invocation #467, v. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7**

*"Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand"*

**Versicles & Responses** *(stand)*

O Lord, open Thou my lips.

***And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.***

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

***Make haste to help me, O Lord.***

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

***Amen Hallelujah!***

## The Invitatory

Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

***For He is our Maker.***

## The Venite – pg. 33

***Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.***

***In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of hills is His also.***

***The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.***

***Oh, come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.***

***For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.***

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 62*

Truly my soul silently waits for God;

From Him comes my salvation.

**He only is my rock and my salvation;**

**He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.**

How long will you attack a man?

You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

**They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies;**

**They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly.**

My soul, wait silently for God alone,

For my expectation is from Him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation;**

**He is my defense; I shall not be moved.**

In God is my salvation and my glory;

The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

**Trust in Him at all times, you people;**

**Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

Surely men of low degree are a vapor,  
Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales,  
They are altogether lighter than vapor.

**Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery;  
If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.**

God has spoken once,  
Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

**Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;  
For You render to each one according to his work.**

## **The Catechism Review – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*What is Baptism?*

**Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

*Which is that word of God?* **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

## **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1–6**

- <sup>1</sup> "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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> "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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.”

### **The Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>12:1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>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..

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.***

**Sermon Hymn – #460**

“Behold the Sure Foundation ~ Stone”

**Sermon: “Built on the Rock, the Church shall Prevail”**

**Matthew 16:18**

- I. It doesn't always seem the church is prevailing.
- II. Jesus has built His church on the Rock.
- III. Therefore His church shall prevail against the gates of hell.

**Presentation of the Offerings**

**Vocal Ensemble: “Christ Is Our Corner Stone”**

**The Te Deum Laudamus**

***We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein;  
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth!  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee;  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee;  
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee:  
The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son,  
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,  
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.  
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God  
In the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come  
To be our Judge.***

***We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.***

***Make them to be numbered with Thy saints  
In glory everlasting.***

***O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.***

***Day by day we magnify Thee.***

***And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.***

***Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.***

***O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.***

***O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.***

***O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.***

## **The Prayers**

### **The Kyrie:**

***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.***

### **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.**

### **The Salutation**

**The Lord be with you.**

***And with thy spirit.***

### **Special Petitions**

#### **Collect Of The Day**

**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 boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

***Amen.***

## **The Collect for Grace**

***Amen.***

## **The Benedicamus**

Bless we the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Benediction**

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

***Amen.***

## **Hymn – #477**

“Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head”

## **Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

August 23: 1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Cor. 1:1–22; 24: 1 Kings 5:1–18; 2 Cor. 1:23–2:17; 25: 1 Kings 7:51–8:21; 2 Cor. 3:1–18; 26: 1 Kings 8:22–30, 46–63; 2 Cor. 4:1–18; 27: 1 Kings 9:1–9; 10:1–13; 2 Cor. 5:1–21; 28: 1 Kings 11:1–26; 2 Cor. 6:1–18; 29: 1 Kings 11:42–12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1–16.

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