SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Saturday, August 30, 2025 @ 5pm Sunday, August 31, 2025 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

PRELUDE "F

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (John Rutter)
"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" (arr. Mark Hayes)

INVOCATION
Opening Hymn

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Hymn #309

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin; From selfish passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed; Let me your loving servant be And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see And share your joy at last.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father, you sent your son as an outcast and all the world failed to respect and honor him. Our relationships suffer because we demand to be respected.

Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself to restore and repair our relationship with the Father and one another.

We see how you heal in humility, but our relationships suffer because we constantly critique one another.

Holy Spirit, you come to heal, to restore, to repair, and to reconcile us to God and one another.

Lord, we're so focused on getting something out of our relationships and tired of giving our time, our energy, our resources for the sake of others. Forgive us.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Heavenly Father, teach us again that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But, Lord, we cannot give what we do not have. Forgive us our sin and fill us with your grace, your mercy, and your patience. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to those who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, it's easy for us to run with blinders on looking out for our own interests, only being concerned with our own peace. Give us peace, Lord, and teach us to share that peace with one another through Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7

OT p. 595

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

NT p. 1100

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

p. 83

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

NT p. 953

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord") (After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")

SERMON

"Living in the Valley"

Pastor Dan Doran

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Hymn #343

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; Hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain Where the healing waters flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Shield me with your mighty arm, Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION (SAT)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Sending Hymn

"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

Hymn #379

Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord; Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race And to pay rebellion's price, Gave himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "How Majestic is Your Name" (arr. Mark Hayes)

Psalm 112

¹Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
 their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
 ⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
 in the end they will look in triumph on their

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry;

they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Notes:



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