

Worship Service ~ August 31, 2025, 9:00

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Sharon Messelt
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *GOD IS GOOD*

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

~Silence for Reflection~

L: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

L: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

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PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Goodness of God” Words and Music by

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

R: A Gospel reading from the 5th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 5:20-23

²⁰When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'?"

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #785 *WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER*
stz 1, 2



MUSICAL OFFERING "With All Your Heart" by
Daniel Pederson; Summer Choir

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OFFERTORY SONG ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor,
+ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #815 *I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF
THE LIGHT* stz 1, 2, 3

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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