

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

In this Pentecost Season, we confess to You, O Lord - our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place; our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favoring one over another; our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind. For the times we have done this, we know we need to offer our confession to Almighty God:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In this Pentecost season, Lord - help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us over to live lives filled with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven for all your sins in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray and celebrate this Easter joy in His Holy Name, **Amen.**

HYMN 392 How Firm a Foundation (1, 3, 5)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

New Living Translation (NLT)

“Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance— all who seek the LORD! Consider the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were mined. Yes, think about Abraham, your ancestor, and Sarah, who gave birth to your nation. Abraham was only one man when I called him. But when I blessed him, he became a great nation.”

The LORD will comfort Israel again and have pity on her ruins. Her desert will blossom like Eden, her barren wilderness like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found there. Songs of thanksgiving will fill the air.

“Listen to me, my people. Hear me, Israel, for my law will be proclaimed, and my justice will become a light to the nations. My mercy and justice are coming soon. My salvation is on the way. My strong arm will bring justice to the nations. All distant lands will look to me and wait in hope for my powerful arm. Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth below. For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing. The people of the earth will die like flies, but my salvation lasts forever. My righteous rule will never end!

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

New Living Translation (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

New Living Translation (NLT)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON "What is a Pastor?" **Pastor Steve Dygert**

SERMON HYMN: 417 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (1, 2, 4)

THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

Dean Carson: Having been authorized by this church to install Rev. Steve Dygert, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for the certification of this call.

Bev Cisco: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Port Charlotte, Florida, have elected and called Steve Dygert as our pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

Dean Carson: In the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Pastor Steve : I will, and I ask God to help me.

Dean Carson: Will you carry out your duties in harmony with the Constitution and the Statement of Faith of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ?

Pastor Steve : I will, and I ask God to help me.

ALL: Amen

At the pulpit...

Bev Wilgus: You have been called to be among us to proclaim Good News with relentless love and passion.

At the piano...

Jeff Cisco: You have been called to be among us to orchestrate our musical and artistic gifts.

At the Banner...

Geri McGary :You have been called to be among us to encourage the faith of our families, to guide the faith of our members and friends, and to teach the faith to us all.

At the font...

Jeanne Keyser: You have been called to be among us to baptize and to forgive sins. You have been called to be among us to strengthen the fellowship of the Christian family.

At the table...

Bob Wilgus: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper. You have been called to be among us to share daily bread with the hungry.

At the door...

Ellie Selk: You have been called to be among us to take companionship to the sick and suffering. You have been called to be among us to cultivate our mission to the world.

The Exhortation....from the Altar

Bubbles Burness: Care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Pastor Steve : I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor Tony: The office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The assembly is addressed...

Pastor Tony: I present to you, Steve Dygert, your pastor.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Acclamation with applause....all take their seats

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING:

After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

-PRAYERS OF PRAISE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE
THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 465 Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak (1, 2, 4)

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, ***please place your cell phones on muted*** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

SUMMER NEWSLETTER COMING SOON! If you have items you'd like included in the next newsletter, by all means please forward them to Jeanne Keyser, who is our newsletter editor. We are thinking it would be published later in July but now would be a good time to get those articles started!

WELCOME PASTOR STEVE DYGERT: Please feel free to stay for a "Pot Luck" dinner after the Service today.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

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