



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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12th Sunday After Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE:



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: My Glory and the Lifter of My Head

Psalm 3:3-4

MY GLORY AND THE LIFTER OF MY HEAD

Mae McAllister

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: C, C, C, G, C7, F, G7, C, G, C, G, C, D7, G, C, C, C, G, C7, F, G, C. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

My glo-ry and the lift-er of my head, My glo-ry and the lift-er of my head, and
You, oh Lord are a shield to me, my glo-ry and the lift-er of my head. I
cried un-to the Lord with my voice,— I cried un-to the Lord with my voice, I
cried un-to the Lord with my voice,— and He heard me out of His ho-ly hill. My
glo-ry and the lift-er of my head, My glo-ry and the lift-er of my head, and
You, oh Lord are a shield to me, my glo-ry and the lift-er of my head.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B $\flat$ C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F B $\flat$ maj7 C_{sus} C

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B $\flat$ C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/B $\flat$ C F

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me.

THE GLORIA

REFRAIN:

D G D G D Bm

Glo-ry to God in the high - est. and peace

E7 A A7 D G D D

to his peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

G D Bm Em D *to verses*

high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

VERSE:

F $\sharp$ m D Bm D7 G

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Em A F $\sharp$ m D F $\sharp$ 7 Bm

Lamb of God:— You take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm G Em A A7 D F $\sharp$ 7

have mer - cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Bm D7 G Em D A A7 *to Refrain*

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D

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

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Gentle Shepherd

Gentle Shepherd

Bill & Cloria Gaither

Gen-tle Shep-herd, come and lead us, for we need You to
help us find our way. Gen-tle Shep-herd, come and feed us, for we
need Your strength from day to day. Son of Dav-id, come and help us!
Come and heal us, Lord, we pray! Gen-tle Shep-herd, come and
save us, for we need You to help us find our way.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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 to the dead. 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

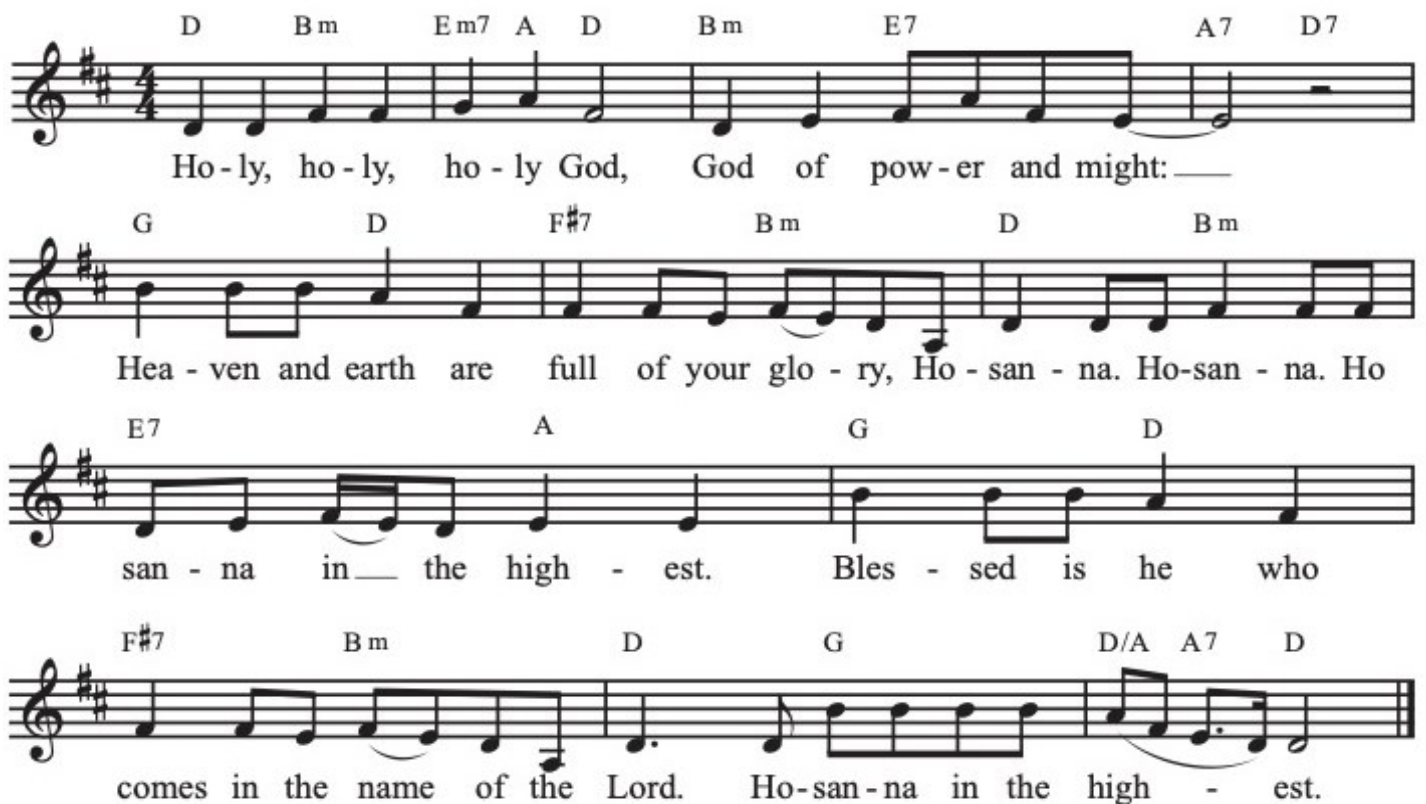
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



D Bm Em7 A D Bm E7 A7 D7
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

G D F#7 Bm D Bm
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho

E7 A G D
san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

F#7 Bm D G D/A A7 D
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

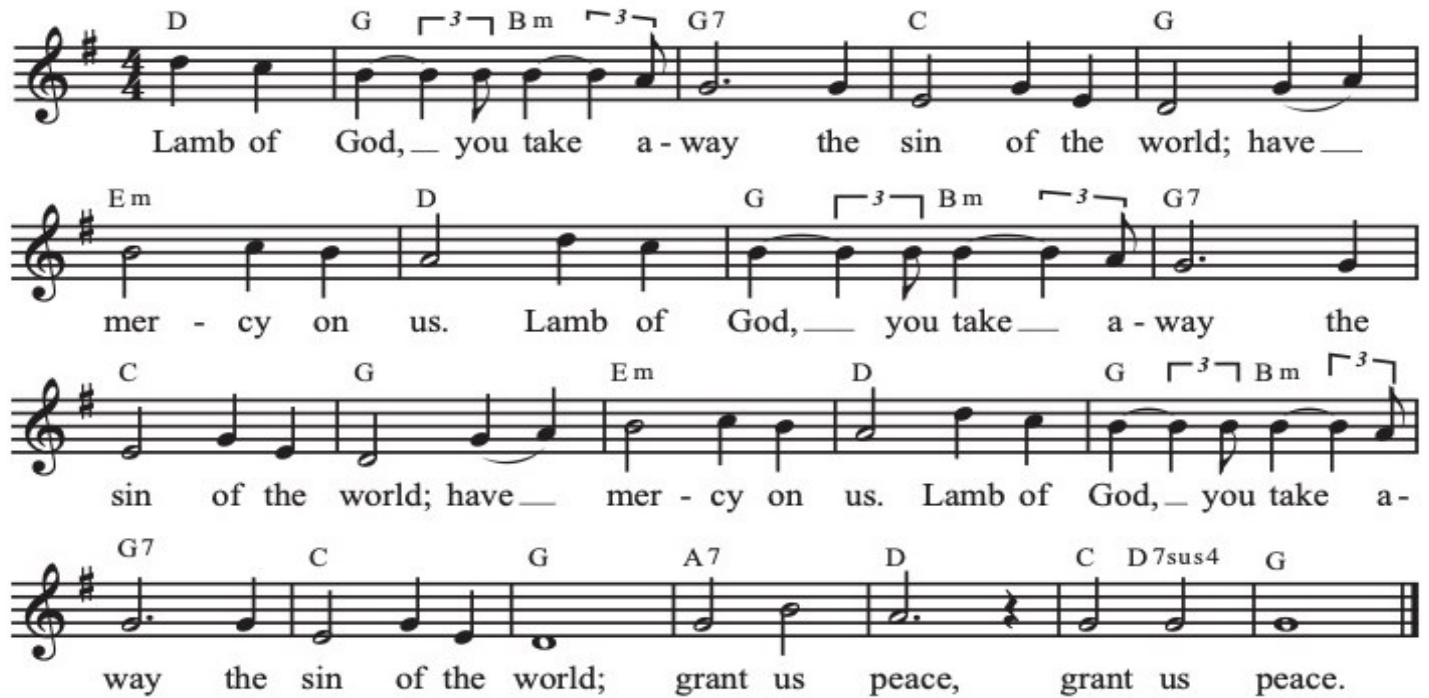
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



Lamb of God, — you take a - way the sin of the world; have —

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take — a - way the

sin of the world; have — mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

G D/F# Emin Bmin
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
 C G/B Emin F Dsus4 G
 thanks, — be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
 D/F# Emin Bmin C
 grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
 G/B Emin F Dsus4 Bmin Emin
 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 Amin7 D7 G CMaj7
 strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
 F Dsus4 Bmin Emin Amin7
 done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
 D7 G CMaj7 F
 poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for
 Dsus4 G Amin/G D G
 us. Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: More than Anything

MORE THAN ANYTHING

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Slow & Heartfelt ♩ = 100

FLUTE & GUITAR:

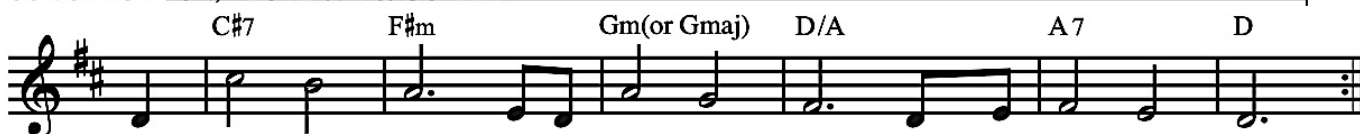


SOLO VOICE, FLUTE & GUITAR:



1. It's my de - sire just to love You Lord more than a - ny - thing.
2. And what I need is to hear Your voice more than a - ny - thing.
3. It's my de - sire to be in Your arms more than a - ny - thing.
4. And what I want is be close to You more than a - ny - thing.
5. It's my de - sire just to love You Lord more than a - ny - thing.

CONGREGATION, FLUTE & GUITAR:



It's my de - sire just to love You Lord more than a - ny - thing.
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*Go Now
in Peace*





SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Aug 16	Christophe Moderacki	Vicki Coyle	Antoinette Walder
Aug 23	Dave Johnsrud		John Leara
Aug 30	Maggie Harrer	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

Aug 16	For: Celebration of Life Memorial for Madison From: The Conrad & Steigert Family
Aug 23	For: From:
Aug 30	For: Back to School and Ministry of our Children & School families From: Susan Conrad

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 10-21	School Closed
Aug 24	School Office Open/Staff Returns
Aug 29	Council Planning Meeting: 9:30am—2:30pm
Aug 30	Wee Worship

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