

# Sunday August 28, 2022

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH***

*we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS***

*we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

**3 MINUTES OF SILENCE** to prepare us for worship today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712 ELW

*Please rise on the last verse*



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed;  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please be seated*

**BELL ANTHEM:                   “Change My Heart, O God”**

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## **SCRIPTURE**

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### **FIRST READING:**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, Word of Life.   **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: Psalm 112**                      (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

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

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

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

*Please stand for the gospel*

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1,7-14**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## 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**

## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests, and deserts. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained.

Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

***Here other intercessions may be offered.***

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION to COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

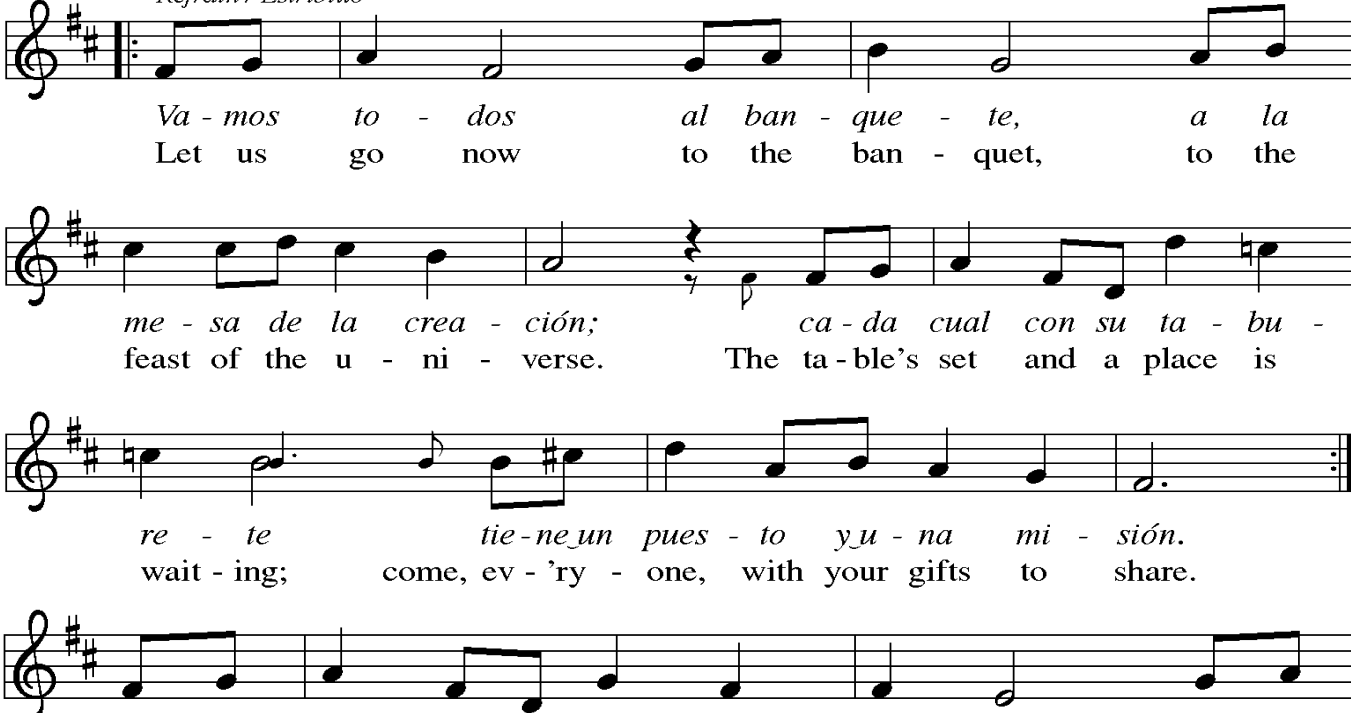
### BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always.  
**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

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*Refrain / Estribillo*



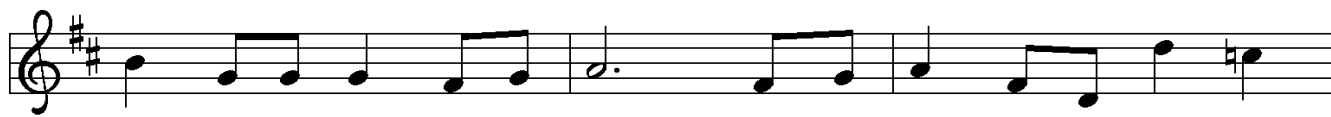
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Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

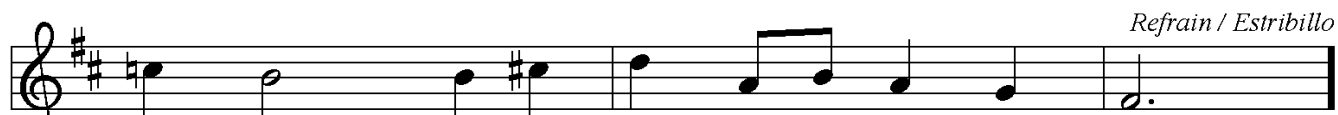
re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all





pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad;      voy su - bien - do\_a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me.      With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good      where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love.      God has called us to work to -



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cues - ta,      voy en bus - ca de tu\_a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing      with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed      so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er      and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir

Ushers: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Greeters: Nancy Hansen & Sherry Whipple

Hospitality:

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 21, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 61    Online: 12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Chuck Carlson, Lee Forrester

**LAST VEGGIE STAND OF THE YEAR** will be Saturday, September 4th. Thank you to all who donated their time at the stand every Saturday morning. Also, thanks

to those who baked goods & brought fresh produce from your gardens. All proceeds go to local benevolence.

**THE REMEMBER PROJECT** This free event will be an opportunity for our communities to engage in conversation about memory loss after watching a One Act play. Bethesda is one of the six viewing sites for this project. Registration is required. We view via zoom from our location. The first event will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 10:00-11:30am. Everyone that registers will be watching the same presentation. Please help spread the word about this amazing presentation and help build a dementia friendly community. More information posted in the Narthex.

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT Bethesda</u></b>		<b><u>August 29, 2022 – Sept.4 28, 2022</u></b>	
Monday	8/29	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/30	9:00 am	Quilters
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	8/31	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9/1	8:00 am	ROMEOs
Saturday	9/3	7:30 am	Last Veggie Stand of the Year
Sunday	9/4	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream