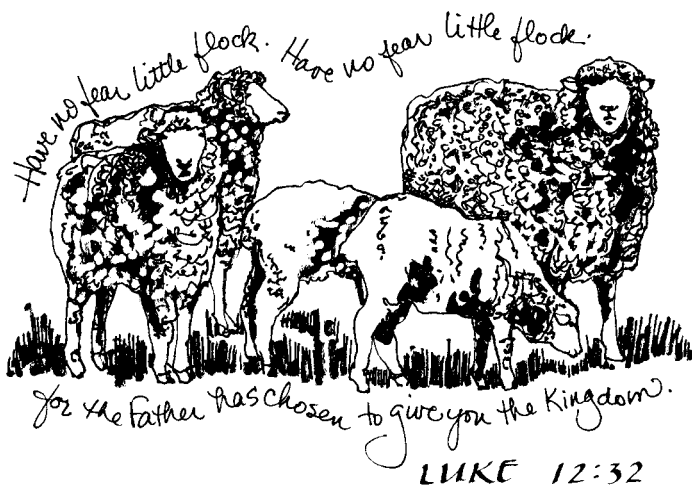


THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST... Followers of Christ
find true treasure in trusting God's promises.**



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OPENING HYMN

404 - Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n
2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need
3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace
4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
5 As you have prom - ised, grant each soul



That grasps the prom - ise God has giv'n,
To save or strength - en us in - deed,
And bids the mourn - er's weep - ing cease;
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Its ho - ly faith's true end and goal:



A trust that can - not be o'er - thrown,
Re - ceiv - ing grace from heav - en's throne
By faith the chil - dren's place we claim
Through might - y Word and sac - ra - ment
The bless - ed - ness no foes de - stroy,



Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown,
And give all hon - or to one name,
To trust the one whom you have sent,
E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Text: Petrus Herbert, d. 1571, abt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *Hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

INVOCATION

- Minister** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- Congregation** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**
- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

- M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. (233:1,5)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

God came and reminded Abraham that God was not only Abraham's shield, but his treasure, too.

GENESIS 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward. “

² But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

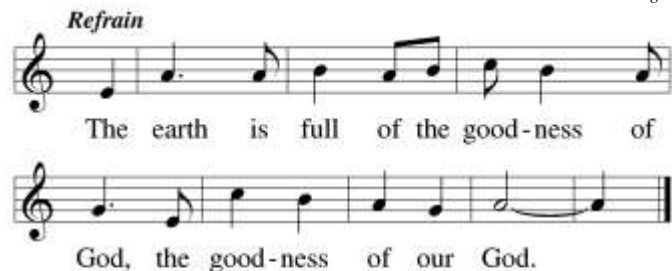
⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

PSALM

Psalm 33

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Refrain



The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you | righteous;*
it is fitting for the upright to | praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is | right and true;*
he is faithful in | all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made,*
their starry host by the breath | of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it | came to be;*
he commanded, and | it stood firm. *Refrain*

The LORD foils the plans of the | nations;*
he thwarts the purposes of the | peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm for | ever,*
the purposes of his heart through all gener | ations.

The LORD loves righteousness and | justice;*
the earth is full of his un | failing love.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Using the life of Abraham as an example, the writer to the Hebrews encourages faithful living that looks forward to the fulfilled promises of the Lord.

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...

...⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Now, faith is
being sure
of what we hope for...
Hebrews 11:1

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

After a series of warnings at the front-end of this chapter, Jesus calls on his disciples to “Seek his kingdom and all these things will be given to you as well.”

LUKE 12:32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

442 - Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear,
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer,
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts

lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 high a - bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -
 raise to God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the king - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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SERMON

Luke 12:32-34

Heavenly Treasure Changes Things

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is the beginning of the piece. The second and fourth staves start with a double bar line and a fermata, indicating a pause or a new phrase. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear note values and rests.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

403 - I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -

Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
 seeks by night and day To rob me of this
 cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word, Man's
 trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
 overwhelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
 Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
 then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
 mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
 you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
 un - a - fraid, A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
 prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

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It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
 A firm - er faith be - stow, Then I shall
 Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by
 in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe,
 your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. composite.
 Tune: NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (78 78 76 76 76 76) *Concentus novi*, Augsburg, 1540, alt.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

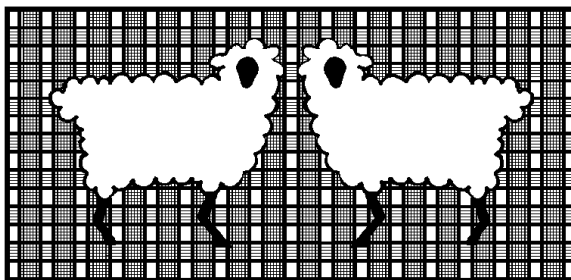
PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

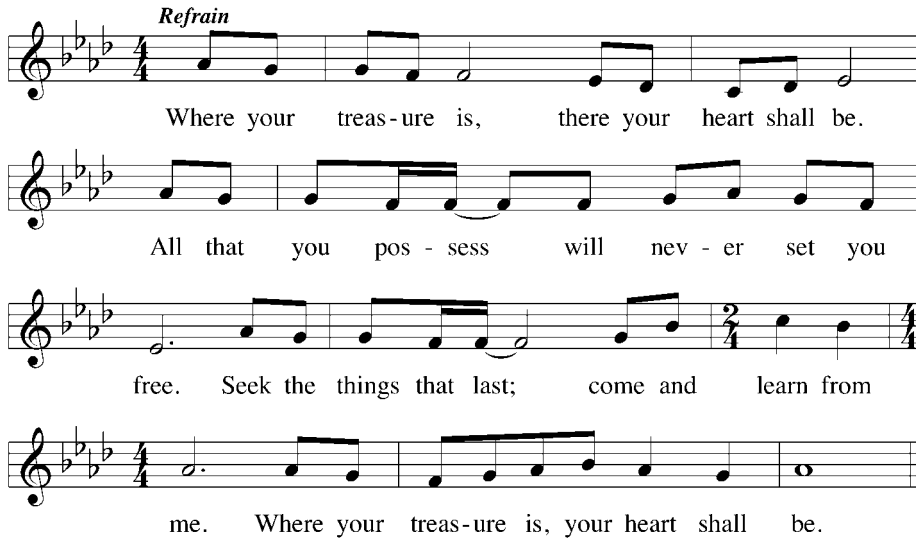
Numbers 6:24

CLOSING HYMN

757 - Where Your Treasure Is

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain. The verses will be sung by a small group.

Refrain



Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you

free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from

me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 What do you gain from all your worry,
What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Refrain

- 2 Look at the ravens high above you.
They do not work their whole life through,
And yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Refrain

- 3 Behold the lilies in their splendor.
In grace and beauty they are dressed,
And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Refrain

4 O little flock, do not be frightened;
Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy;
Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

Refrain

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After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



For where your
Treasure
is, there will your heart be also