

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

PSALMthing to Sing About – Glorify the Lord with Me



“O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.”

Psalm 34:3

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OPENING HYMN

732 – We Are Singing

The small group will sing the verses. Congregation is invited to join on the refrains.

Refrain

We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing-ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are



sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.

Verses



1	The Lord	is the strength of	our lives;	Of
2	One thing	have we asked of	the Lord,	Yes,
3	When bur - dens	are heav - y	to bear,	Our
4	We walk	in the strength of	the Lord;	God's



whom	shall we be a -	fraid?	Though
this	is the thing we	seek:	To
shel - ter	is God a -	lone.	Our
love	is ev - er	sure.	We



foes	may be near to	de - stroy;	The
dwell	in the house of	the Lord,	To
feet	are lift - ed	high,	Yes
shout	that the world	may hear;	We



Lord	will be our	light.	
live	with God for	- ev - er.	We are
high	up - on a	rock.	
sing	a joy - ful	song.	

With music based on the South African Freedom Song, this paraphrase of Psalm 27 underscores the confidence Christians have in God's deliverance from every trouble.

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INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



ABSOLUTION

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.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea. (169:1,2)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

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.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:3-8

God himself strengthened Elijah for the impossible tasks that God had before him.

¹KINGS 19:3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

PSALM

Psalm 34

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;

My soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. Refrain

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. Refrain

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. Refrain

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Paul urges us toward a life of Christian living, a seemingly impossible task in light of our sinful nature.

EPHESIANS 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

^{5:1} Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(404:1,2)

**Faith is a living pow’r from heav’n
That grasps the promise God has giv’n,
A trust that cannot be o’erthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.**

**Faith finds in Christ whate’er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven’s throne
And humbly sharing cross and crown.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL John 6:41-51

Jesus’ words call for the most impossible thing of all – faith!

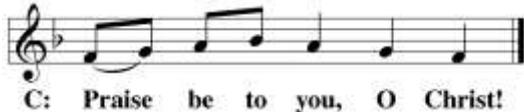
JOHN 6:41 At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has

everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

752 – In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



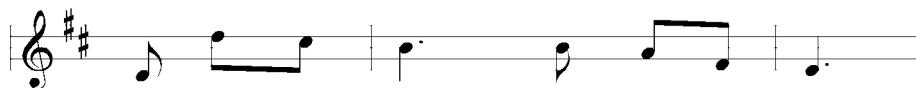
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)

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SERMON

Psalm 34

Whew... Thank You, LORD!

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole Church, that by the Spirit's power all the baptized may become imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we be given grace to believe that through Christ we belong to one another and so be done with all falsehood and malice, instead speaking Christ's truth to one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, and particularly those who face discouraging times in their ministries, that they might find in God's Word and meal the strength they need to go on and fulfill the tasks God has given them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God to raise up many more servants of the Word, placing in their mouths no corrupting word but only that which is good and builds up and is fitting, that grace may come to all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president and Congress and justices, for our governor and legislature and judges, and for all entrusted with public health and safety, that they be strengthened and upheld in every good deed and that God would hinder all in our common life that grieves Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who walk through difficult and dark times, the sick, the lonely, the grieving, the injured, the persecuted, [*and especially all we have been asked to remember: _____,*] that they may know the peace of Christ's promise that whoever comes to Him will never be cast out, and that all who look to Him and believe will have eternal life and be raised up at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us offer to Christ, the bread of life, all thanks and praise, asking Him to bring us to see with them in His glorious light the fulfillment of His promise that whoever believes has eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray

*Lord of the Church, we humbly pray For those who guide us in Thy way
And speak Thy holy Word. With love divine their hearts inspire
And touch their lips with hallowed fire And needful strength afford.*

*Help them to preach the Truth of God Redemption through the Savior's blood,
Nor let the Spirit cease On all the Church His gifts to shower
To them a messenger of power; To us, of life and peace.*

*So may they live to Thee alone, Then hear the welcome word "Well done"
And take their crown above; Enter into their Master's joy
And all eternity employ In praise and bliss and love. Amen.*

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.**

SERMON HYMN

237 – Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens



1 Lord of lords, the spar - kling heav - ens Show the great - ness
 2 Lord of light, your gift of beau - ty Fills our plan - et
 3 Lord of love, we bow be - fore you, Hum - bled by your
 4 Lord of na - tions, by your Spir - it Cause our fear and



of your hand, Bril - liant gal - ax - ies un - fold - ing,
 here be - low. Crys - tal snow and sil - ver moon - light,
 con - stant grace. Word in - car - nate, sent from heav - en,
 greed to cease; Rest - less hearts and lives re - fash - ion



Dis - tant suns your wis - dom planned, Morn - ing stars in
 For - est green with life a - glow, Sap - phire o - cean,
 On the cross you took our place, By your death and
 By the en - trance of your peace. May we now with



con - cert sing - ing— Praise the one whose pow'r we
 flam - ing sun - set Your cre - a - tive joy pro -
 res - ur - rec - tion We shall live through end - less
 firm com - mit - ment Fol - low in o - be - dience



see: Lord of might and maj - es - ty,
 claim! Lord of all, we praise your name!
 days! Lord of life, we sing your praise,
 true: Lord of lords, we wor - ship you!

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PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M 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.



CLOSING CHOIR ANTHEM

Ready, Lord

As we thank our Lord today for Pastor Koelpin's 25 years of ministry, the words of this song reflect his heart of service in the past, and for years to come.

*Ready, Lord, I'm ready Lord, to follow where you lead;
Oh, show me, Lord, just show me, Lord, the service you will need.
Ready, Lord, I'm ready, Lord, I'm ready, come what may,
So call me, Lord, just call me, Lord, and I'll be on your way.*

*Feed your lambs, I'll feed your lambs, and first of all with food;
Give them drink and comfort them and build their fortitude.
Then I'll feed them with the Word you fed me with until
They're ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to go and do your will.*

*More than words, yes, more than words, I know you want from me;
Moving, Lord, I'm moving, Lord, I'm moving eagerly.
Take my heart and take my hands, my feet, my life, my all;
I'm ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to follow till I fall.*

*If today's my final day, my final day on earth,
Thank you, Lord, oh, thank you, Lord, for life, for breath, for birth.
If this town is gonna be my final resting place,
I'm ready, Lord, yes, ready, Lord, to meet you face to face.*

*Feed your lambs, I'll feed your lambs your words of truth alone;
Fill their hearts with saving faith and claim them as your own.
Let me feed them with the Word you fed me with until
They're ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to go and do your will.*

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

