

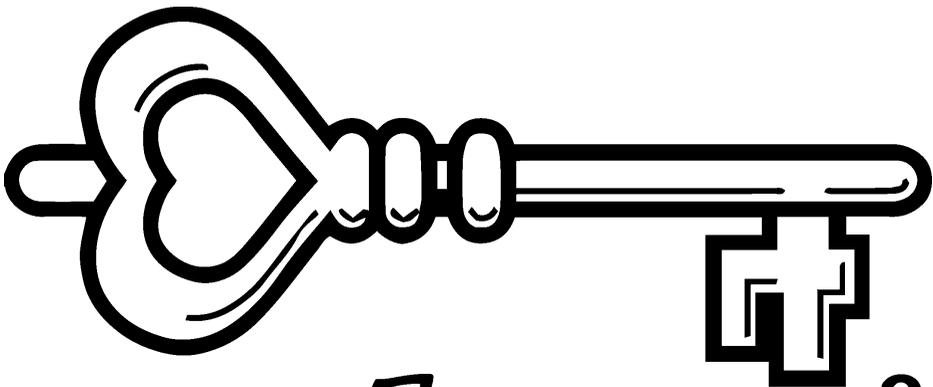
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST...

Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises.



WHAT DO YOU *Treasure?*

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OPENING 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
treasure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
whelm me, Let me a steady 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
maged; 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

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.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

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



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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PRAAYER 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.



C: A - men.

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.

⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By 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. ¹²And 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.

¹³All 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. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**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. (404:1)**

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. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like 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. ³⁷It 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. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You 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

757 - Where Your Treasure Is



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. be.



- Verses*
- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
 - 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
 - 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
 - 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



What you should eat or what to wear?
 They do not work their whole life through,
 In grace and beau - ty they are dressed,
 Yours is the king - dom of the Lord.

*each verse
 continues on
 the next page*



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry. Do you not
 And yet God feeds them and pro - tects them. So how much
 And yet so soon their bloom is fa - ded. So how much
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y; Ob - tain a



know that you are held with - in God's care?
 more will God pro - tect and care for you?
 more will those who look to God be blessed?
 trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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SERMON

Hebrews 11:4

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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

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.

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, as often as 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



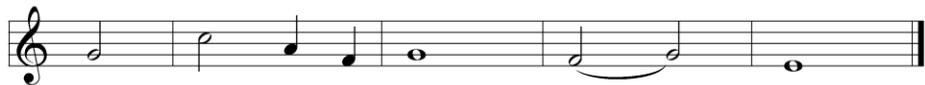
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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

349 - Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est
 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long
 lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth
 cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt
 plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,
 be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
 not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me
 ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry
 the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O
 Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And
 While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards
 Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or
 Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I



Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to
 thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -
 ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -
 shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior
 here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est



hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.
 sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.
 move me Since he deigns to love me.
 plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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.



C: A - - men.

BLESSING

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

755 – Your Kingdom, O God

The small group will sing verses 1 and 2. The congregation is invited to join on verse 3.



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, My
2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er Your
3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing Of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its
Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like
seeds that your mer - cy has sown, But



val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, Sur -
yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, En -
still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing The



pass - ing the wealth of the earth. Lord,
a - bling your king - dom to grow. Em -
weeds that im - per - il your own. Sus -



give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it To
pow - er me, Lord, as I live your com - mis - sion, Though
tain me, O Lord, till your day of re - turn - ing And



val - ue this trea - sure a - right That,
hum - ble my ser - vice may be, And
har - vest me home - ward at last, To



nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it Your
bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion, A
shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing, Where



king - dom of glo - ry and light.
mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
sor - row and dan - ger are past.

Based on Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, this hymn expresses the Christian's great joy in discovering the glorious and eternal treasures that only the gospel of forgiveness offers.

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

