

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## THE COMMON SERVICE

### Hymn ----- Every Morning Mercies New

CW 580

1. Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;  
Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.  
For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.
2. Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;  
Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;  
Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
3. Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.  
And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,  
Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.
4. As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,  
Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.  
Then shall we our voices raise In unfailing prayer and praise.

*Stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

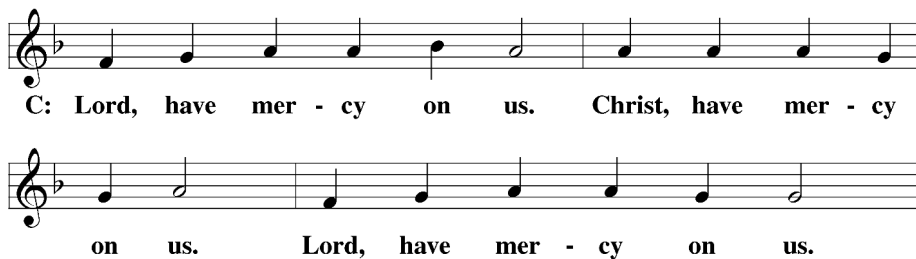
### CONFESSION OF SINS

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*



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.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

*Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

*Venite*

**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of

our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a

great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are

in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he

made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and

bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Prayer of the Day*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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: Amen.

*Be seated.*

THE WORD

**First Lesson ----- 1 Kings 19:3–8**

Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, LORD. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

Then the angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you."

So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

*Refrain*

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

*Refrain*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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

*Refrain*

## Second Lesson ----- Ephesians 4:30–5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in

Christ has forgiven us.

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Verse of the Day*

*Hebrews 11:1*

*Tune: CW 261*

C: Now faith is ev - er be - ing sure Of  
that for which we long, And, though the dark - ness  
we en - dure, Re - main - ing firm and strong.

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*Stand.*

## Gospel ----- John 6:41–51

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son

of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. 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. I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. Amen, Amen, I

tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

"I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Jesus, Jesus Only Jesus**

CW 348

1. Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus Can my heartfelt longing still.  
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus, What he wills alone to will,  
For my heart, which he hath filled, Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
2. One there is for whom I'm living, Whom I love most tenderly;  
Unto Jesus I am giving What in love he gave to me.  
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt-Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
3. What to me may seem a treasure But displeasing is to thee-  
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure; Give instead what profits me.  
Let my heart by thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
4. Let me earnestly endeavor Thy good pleasure to fulfill;  
In me, through me, with me ever, Lord, accomplish thou thy will.  
In thy holy image built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.

5. Jesus, constant be my praises, For thou unto me didst bring  
Thine own self and all thy graces That I joyfully may sing:  
Be it unto me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

**Sermon** ----- **Ephesians 4:30–5:2**

*Be Imitators of God*

*Stand.*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

*We Praise You, O God*

*Te Deum*



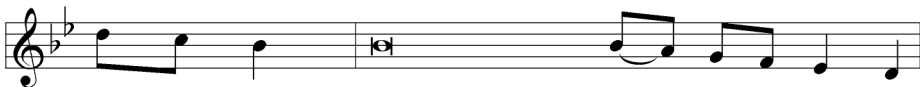
**C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,**



**Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,**



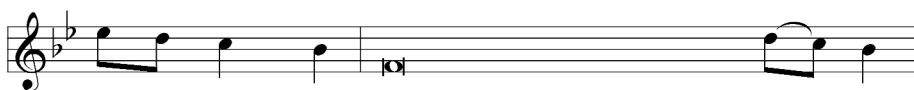
**cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of**



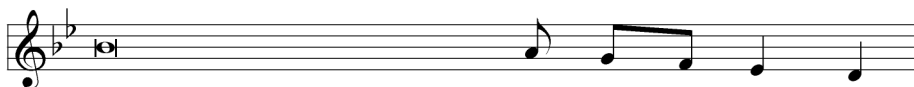
**heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.**



**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of**



proph-ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



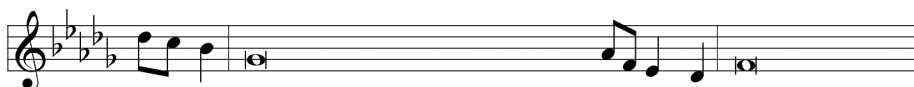
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



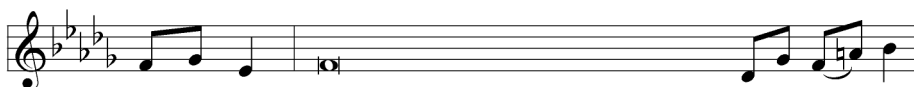
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Reception of New Members*

*Stand.*

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*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “**hear our prayer.**”*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be the bread of life, giving eternal life to all who come to Him. By Your Holy Spirit, lead the whole Church on earth to imitate You and walk in Your love as beloved children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Give strength and courage to all pastors and those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression. Hearten them by the example of Elijah and the prophets and apostles before them. Comfort them through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

- M: Father in heaven, through Holy Baptism You have joined the faithful together as Your children, making us brothers in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to believe that, through Christ, we belong to one another. Lead us to put away all falsehood and malice and instead to speak Christ's truth to one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- M: Hear our prayers for our nation. Cause us to live in harmony with one another, and free our citizens from want, suffering, danger and fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Show kindness to the sick [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. Never let them be in doubt that You hear their prayers. Relieve all pain and provide for those who suffer from any kind of hardship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Bless those who commune this day, that reconciled to each other in Christ's body and blood, they may rejoice to receive Your forgiveness through this precious gift, be strengthened in times of doubt, and be nourished in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the bread of life. Together with all the faithful who have gone before us, we give You thanks and praise. Keep us steadfast in the faith, so that when our last hour comes, we may rejoice with them at the marriage feast in His kingdom, which has no end. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our**

daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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."

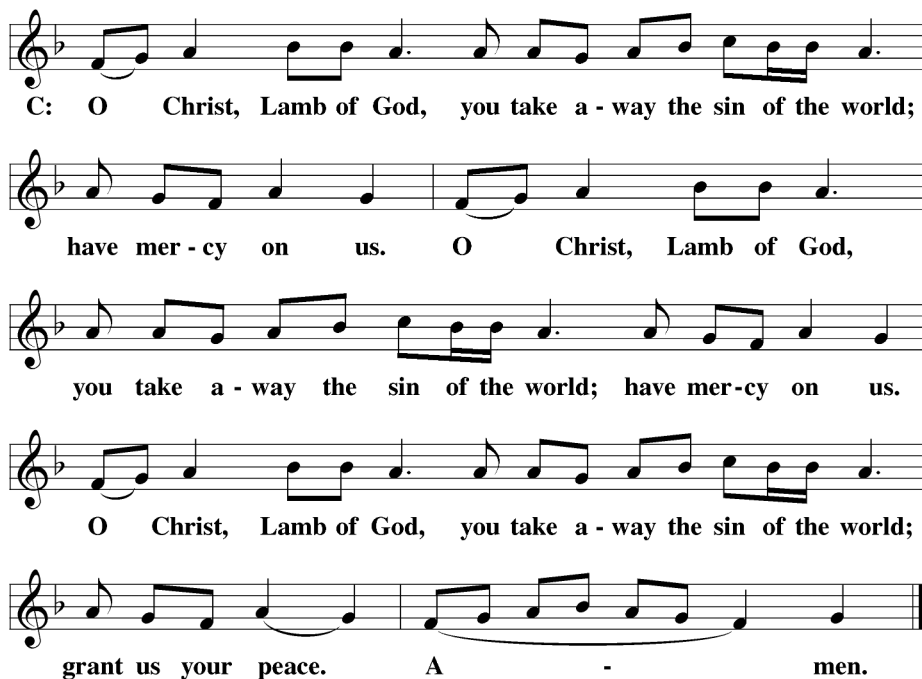
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*



*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

### **Hymn ----- Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

CW 312

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

6. Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.
7. Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

*After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:*

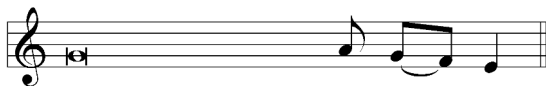
*Song of Simeon*

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



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

*Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

CW 452

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.
3. Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.
4. Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

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