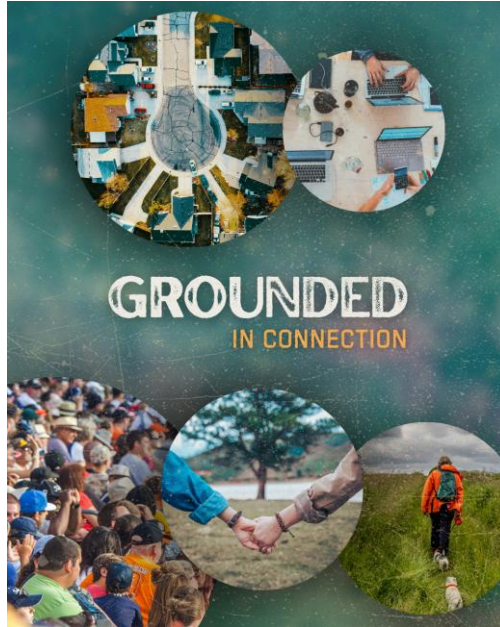


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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026
10:45 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Stand by Me

King

Glenn Hinderliter, solo & percussion

Relevant “pop tunes” are not necessarily religious, in the sense that they were probably not intended for incorporation by the church. But they are spiritual in the sense that they beautifully bring to light deep aspects of our human condition in honest ways - ways that an artist-God who so wonderfully creates space and time and substance is certainly in beautiful and honest aspects of our own creativity. This may be new, and that’s OK. The goal of this practice is that faith and daily life come closer together, as we learn to listen for the God-message all around us. Because Sacred God stepped into our secular world with redemptive and creative power, we are invited to continue challenging the “sacred-secular” divide, growing in awareness of and participation in God’s active presence in all areas of our lived experience.

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to Worship

Come gather in worship today as we celebrate the joy, grace,
and strength found in living and growing together as one faithful community.

We join in our Mission Statement:

**Gathered by God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes,
our communities, and the world.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be God, who gives us life,
who makes water rise from the earth,
whose mercy rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

In baptism, we are given new life
through the grace, love, and connection of Christ.
We come in gratitude for kinship and community,
for forgiveness and resurrection,
for beginning anew each day.

Water may be poured into the font.

We give you thanks,
God of all creation,
for the water that has given us birth;
for your call to care for one another;
for welcoming us into the ever-flowing current
of your mercy and love.

Pour your grace into each of us and all of us
that we may live together in your newness and life.

Let us rest in you,
knowing that we are loved, held, and sent forth to care
for your creation, for our whole selves, and for one another.
In the name of the Holy Trinity +
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Prayer of the Day

We pray. God of abundance,
**you nourish us even when all seems bare. Help us to trust in your provision
and connection, and open our hearts to your hospitality and care.
Let us entrust our whole selves to you so that we may welcome
one another in your love. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

Translation: NRSVue

A Reading from 1st Kings, the 17th Chapter

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Good News from Luke, the 4th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

We rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the God who calls us into community.

**We believe in God the Parent, who created us for relationship,
weaving our lives together in love and purpose.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
He broke down the walls of hostility that divide us,
teaching us to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to serve rather than be served.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life.

The Spirit binds us together as one body, distributing unique gifts for the common good and empowering us to live in peace.

As one body with many members, we covenant with God and one another.

We promise to bear one another's burdens, to rejoice in one another's joys, and to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.

All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Offering Song

We Are An Offering (no repeat)

ELW 692

J=60

CHORUS 1

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7

BRIDGE

lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have,

10 Dm7 G7sus G7 Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7

all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

CHORUS 2

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

18 Dm7 G7sus C G7sus G7 C

of - fer - ing, we are an of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

Offering Prayer

We pray. God of abundance,
you have blessed us with life together in you.
Let us share all that we have been given,
knowing that there is enough for all,
and that you bind us to one another in love.
Amen.

We rise in body or spirit.

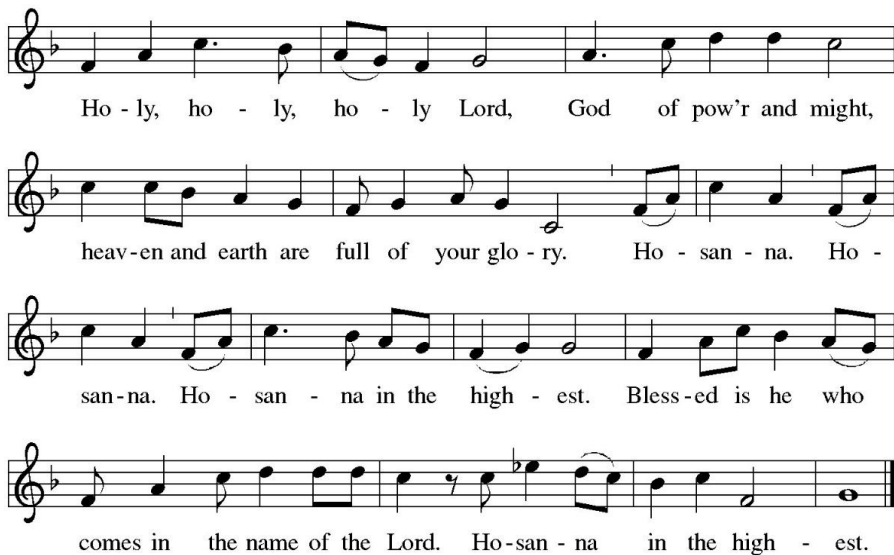
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of grace, God of care, God of relationship.
You birthed us all in the waters of creation.
You brought us from death to life through your Son Jesus,
and you meet us at your table where a place is set for each of us.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

At your table, we remember the self-giving love of Jesus who taught us to gather around his love and share in the feast together. Send us your Spirit to bind us together in all time and in all places with your love that knows no end.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

God in community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray:

**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.**

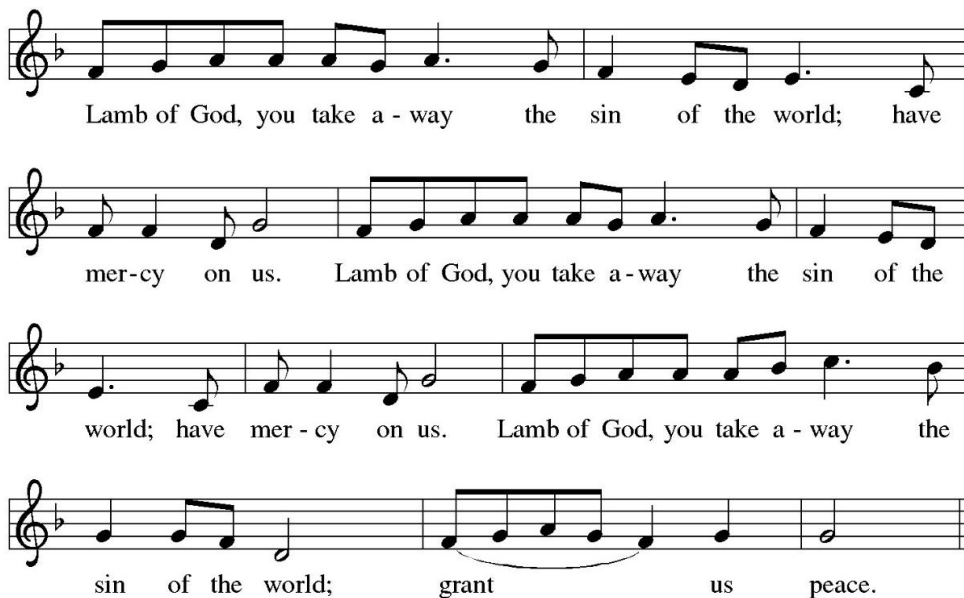
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to the Table

Come gather at the table where all belong, to share in Christ's grace
and connect with one another as one family.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray. God of all,
you have gathered us around your table
and you have given us abundant nourishment and life.
May we be filled with your grace and open our arms to one another,
knowing that you hold all in your love.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the God of care hold you.
May the God of connection tend you.
And may the God of all creation +
bind us together in love.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go forth now into the world as one body, carrying the love and connection
we shared here today into every community.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Toccata

Young



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.



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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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