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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus Calls and Jesus Saves

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

Hymn: *Blessed Are They, Forever Blest*..... CW # 383

1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness

Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,

Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace

And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.
 And not on works but grace re - ly.
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere.
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray, O Lord, teach us your ways,

C: That we may walk in your truth.

L: You comfort and help us day by day.

C: We trust your loving care.

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

C: The heights of the hills are also his,

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

Prayer of the Day

L: Holy Father, your Son endured the agony of the cross so that by his suffering, death, and resurrection we should become heirs of eternal life. Fill us with the joy and peace of believing, as you guide us on the way that leads to the heavenly kingdom where you live and reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen. (*seated*)

First Lesson:

1 Kings 19:13-18

¹³ The Lord said to Elijah, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.” (The Word of our God)

Psalm 73

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Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



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I am always with *yóu*, O LORD;*
you hold me by my *ríght* hand.

You guide me with your *céunsel*,*
and afterward you will take me into *glóry*.

Whom have I in heavén but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire beśides you.

My flesh and my *héart* may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion *foréver*.

**Glory be to the F*á*ther and *fo* the Son*
and to the Holy *Ś*pirit,
as it was in the *béginning*,*
is now, and will be forever. *Ámen*.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

Romans 9:1-8

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel.

Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

⁶ It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

⁸ In other words, it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.
(The word of the Lord)

Hymn: *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*..... CW # 381

1 Grace has a thrill - ing sound To each be - liev - er's ear; That
 2 Grace first in - scribed my name In God's e - ter - nal book, And
 3 Grace led my wan - d'ring feet To tread the heav'n - ly road, And
 4 Grace taught my soul to pray And made my eyes o'er - flow; His
 5 Grace all our work shall crown Through ev - er - last - ing days; The

peace with God through Christ is found Is news I glad - ly hear.
 grace has brought me to the Lamb, Who all my sor - rows took.
 grace sup - plies each hour I meet While press - ing on to God.
 grace has kept me to this day And will not let me go.
 heav'n - ly home God gives his own Shall ech - o with our praise.

Gospel: (rise)

Matthew 14:22-33

L: ²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified saying,

C: "It's a ghost,"

L: ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
²⁹"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out,

C: "Lord, save me!"

L: ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying,

C: "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!* (seated)

Hymn: *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink* **CW # 405 Stz 1-4**

1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor

pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean

on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,

Sermon:

Matthew 14:27-33

Through Faith in Christ Jesus, We Walk



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

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***

Prayer: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good for your people. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in the one true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your loving kindness. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: 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: Amen

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5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way till
6 Lord, give us such a faith as this, and

life's last spark is fled and with a pure and
then, what - e'er may come, we'll taste e'en now the

heav' - nly ray lights up the dy - ing bed.
hal - lowed bliss of an e - ter - nal home.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 | Kathy Kellner | |
| 2 | Jim & Ellen Cammarata | 50 th |
| 3 | Coleman Schweitzer | |
| 7 | Eric Rogers | |
| 8 | Gilbert Potter | |
| 8 | Marion Norman (Gerlach) | |
| 12 | Tim Almony | |
| 17 | Carol Rogers | |
| 18 | Gil & Kathy Potter | 36 th |
| 18 | Courtney Wittmershaus | |
| 25 | Angie Carne | |
| 25 | Audrey Gerlach | |
| 30 | Garrett Schweitzer | |
| 31 | Ellen Cammarata | |
| 31 | Bob & Nancy Pieper | 57 th |