



**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

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### Welcome to God's House

Will God really...? Did God really say...? With Jesus there is never any need to doubt. How sad that we so often do! May the gentle voice of God in his Word strengthen our faith in his precious promises as we answer doubt with faith.

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Hymn

#### Christ, Be My Leader CW #367

Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care;  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.  
Doubt cannot daunt me—in Jesus I stand!

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#### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

## Confession of Sins

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray:**

**God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

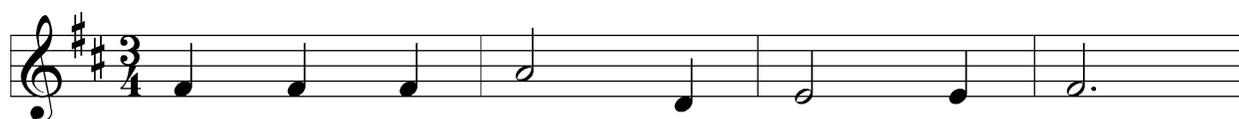
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Glory Be to God

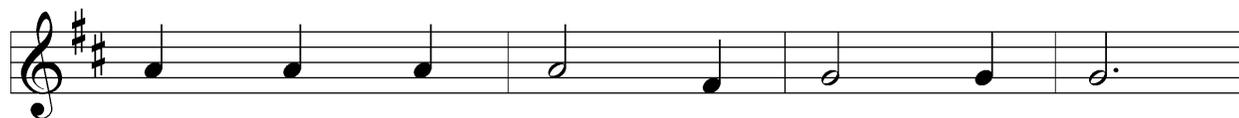
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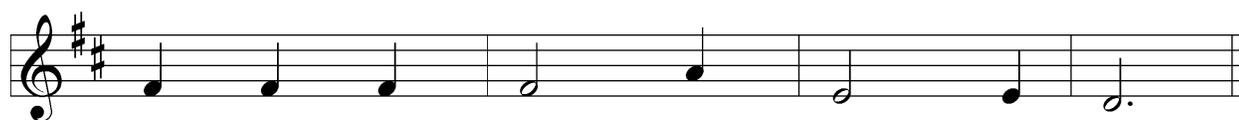
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

### Prayer of the Day

**M:** Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn 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.”

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn 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.”

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 73

M: I am always with you, O LORD;

C: **you hold me by my right hand.**

M: You guide me with your counsel,

C: **and afterward you will take me into glory.**

M: Whom have I in heaven but you?

C: **And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: **but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

### *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.

## Gospel

## Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me CW #439:1-2**

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

### **Sermon**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

## **Offering**

*the offering plates are situated near the exit door*

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **The 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.**

### **Blessing**

**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: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand CW #451:1-2**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

### **This Week at Zion**

**Today:** 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship  
**Mon:** 10:00 a.m. OWLS at Peace, Hartford  
**Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**Sun:** 7:30 / 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Hymns next week:** 538, 84, 391, 577

**In Our Prayers** Mark Justman, who is recovering from surgery on some broken bones in his hand; Kenn Kurtz, recovering from knee surgery at home; Ginger Boldt (daughter of Sandy Pamperin and sister of Jeff and Joy), recently diagnosed with cancer; Theresa Ehlers, back home after a stay at St. Luke's Hospital.

**The flowers on the altar** today were placed to God's glory by Dan and Tracey Ehlike on the occasion of Kobe Lacharite's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; also by Gerald and Elaine Schulz in memory of their daughter Jenny.

**Thanks to** Liz Dettmann (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our accompanists this weekend.

**Church Picnic** Save September 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to be with us for an outdoor (weather-permitting) service (both 7:30 & 9:45 a.m.) followed by a time of food and fellowship. It might not be like years past, but getting together – appropriately distanced – around the Word, the Lord's Supper, and some donuts and cupcakes - will be good for the soul, mind and body!

**OWLS Meetings Canceled** Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic,

Flyway OWLS (Chapter 77) will NOT be having any meetings in September, October, and November of 2020 (December is a month when we do not have a regularly-scheduled meeting anyway). The officers of Flyway OWLS made this decision because our members are in the high risk category – 65 years old + and some have underlying health conditions. In early December, the officers will meet again and appraise the situation for future meetings in 2021. We pray for the health and safety of all during these especially trying times. Due to the cancellation of our Annual OWLS meeting it directly impacts European Civilian Chaplaincy. This ministry counts on our financial support. Perhaps you could give a donation to this group at this time. Pray about it. You can mail your donation to: European Civilian Chaplaincy, PO Box 270196, Hartford, WI 53027. Make your check out to: European Civilian Chaplaincy. Thank you.

**Lost and Found** There are several dishes, bowls, plates, containers, etc...in the kitchen looking for their homes. Please check before you leave today to see if anything might be yours. There are also a number of lost and unclaimed items on the table next to the kitchen. Parents, please check there to see if anything might belong to your family.

**Please pick up** the August calendar (updated), newsletter, *Forward in Christ* and the new *Meditations* booklet which starts next Sunday.

Among others, the *Forward in Christ* has an excellent article that captures the feelings of many who have been coming to church in the fellowship hall, face coverings in place, attendance not nearly what we would normally have, sometimes hard to hear. The article is on the back cover and offers some excellent encouragement for those who may be frustrated or disappointed in the current Covid-caused circumstances. Excellent read!

**College Student Parents** Do you have college-aged children away at college somewhere this fall? Please send a current address and contact information for them to the church office. You can call 262.483.0407 or e-mail Pastor Bode at [revsdb@aol.com](mailto:revsdb@aol.com). Thank you!

**Little Learners Child Care is Hiring** Little Learners Child Care in Slinger is looking for reliable people to work a flexible (part-time or full-time) schedule as a childcare

teacher. Must have a background in education or be willing to take classes. We offer employees free child care while working and a sign-on bonus. Join an awesome 5-Star rated, state-licensed child care, and work with wonderful, caring people! If you would like more information, contact Lisa Meissner (262-644-8295 x1; [littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org](mailto:littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org)).

**Cleanup Help Needed** The recent storms in Iowa left devastation in their wake, especially in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This weekend and into the future, Christian Aid and Relief, along with the members of Good Shepherd in Cedar Rapids, will be organizing cleanup crews. To sign up, or for more information, contact: Laura King 608-855-0185 or Elizabeth Zambo 920-723-8021.