



**Those who
humble
themselves
will be
exalted**

LUKE 14:11



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ **GATHERING SONG** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **#423**
Please use your Green LBW Hymnal for hymn #423.

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

C **And also with you.**

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

P **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



☛ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☛ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☛ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☛ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☛ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM: 112

P ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
C ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
P ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
C ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
P ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
C ⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
P ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
P ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine
away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for
by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those
who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being
tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in
honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the
sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and
be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or
forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"
⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the
outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not
neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to
God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#503

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

+ **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
C **Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

P For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations (*leaders may be named*), we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P “Raise up and send to us our next pastor (deacon). We pray for our call committee, that your wisdom will rest upon them, that they may know and recognize the person you are sending. Grant us patience and faith as we wait. Amen”

“We pray for the our call committee as they continue their work, that they may know your will, and have the faith and courage to follow your leading.”

“Grant that your Holy Spirit may rest upon our call committee as they listen for your will. Grant us patience and hope that comes by faith in you.” Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident in God’s presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

+ SENDING SONG

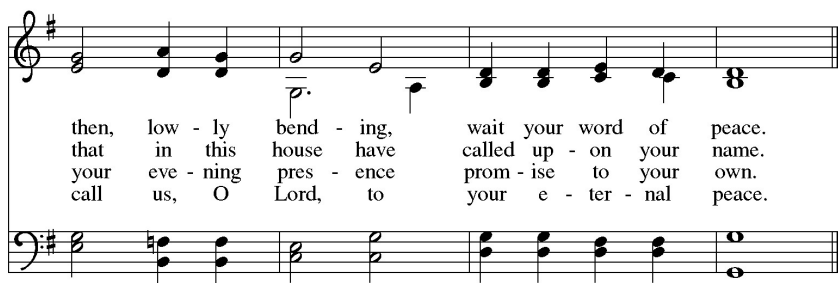
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

#262

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

+ Dismissal

P	Go in peace.
Children	Serve the Lord.
C	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

Organist

Kendra Hughes

Lay Reader

Prayer Leader

Greeter

Altar Committee

Cindy Oakes, Debbie Clevenger

Council President

Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Rosemarie Becker, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Paul Means, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Barb Coakley, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Barbara Redmond, Brian & Carol Hicks, Tim Coldiron, Danica Clarkson, Bill Murphy, Frank Dodd, Michael Copeland, Linda Martin, Jane Bussler, Rena McIntyre, Bill Culver, Brenda Moore, Melaine Hwak, Don Moeser, Mike Mucha, Patty Poole, Kent Gifford, Nicholas Young, Jason Pierce, Beth Miller, The Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Call Committee and Church Council as we search for a new pastor. May God bless and guide them in this journey.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

Next Sunday—*Thirteen Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—*Holy Communion—Pastor Mike Hout preaching*

11:00 a.m. Reception

Attendance

2025 Average 62

2024 Average 62

Serving Next Sunday, September 7

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Lay Reader

Dawn Scott

Prayer Leader

Sherry Mullins

Greeter

Altar Committee

Amy Fraulini, Kelly Skipworth

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Gleim, Everett Hatfield, Drew DeGonzague, Virginia Nickel, Ralph Scott, George Moore, Carolyn Piguet

BAPTISMS: Brenda Moore, John Williams, Cheryl Crank

ANNIVERSARIES: Jerry & Debbie Clevenger

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Mike Hout preaching

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. we special music by Jacob Tolliver

Sunday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Dennis King preaching

Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Janet Hatch preaching

Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Honoring Our 1st Responders

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Sunday

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. Potluck/carry-in dinner

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Dinner
Followed by caroling

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Children Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Honoring Our First Responder

Sunday, October 12

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, November 2

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9

Potluck/carry-in dinner immediately following worship.

