

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"Father Most Holy"

(LSB 504)

*"One in three persons, over all exalted!"*

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### THE HOLY BAPTISM OF DAYSON LEE MARTIAN 8:30 am (LSB 268)

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

## INTROIT

*Psalm 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps.75:7*

- [P]** It is God who executes judgement,  
putting down one and lifting up another.
- [C]** **We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.**  
**We recount your wondrous deeds.**
- [P]** At the set time that I appoint  
I will judge with equity.
- [C]** **For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**
- [P]** But I will declare it forever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- [C]** **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.**
- [P]** It is God who executes judgement,  
putting down one and lifting up another.

## KYRIE



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*“He is Exalted” (Sung twice)*

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!*

*He is the Lord, Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.*

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.*

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## **SALUTATION** *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Proverbs 25:2–10* (Guidelines for a blessed life)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "King Jesus Is A-Listenin" trad. Spiritual, arr. Duane Funderburk  
Andrew Wulf, bassoon soloist

**EPISTLE READING** *Hebrews 13:1–17* (Living in God-pleasing ways)

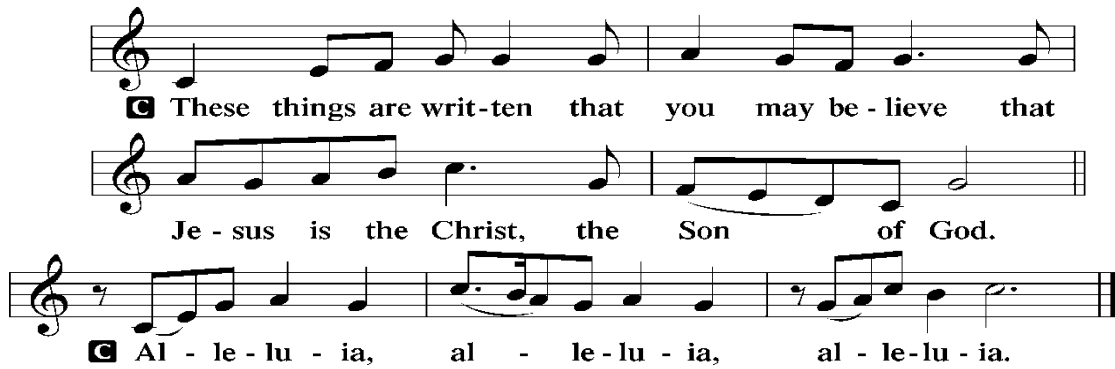
*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **ALLELUIA** *and* **VERSE**





**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 14:1–14* (Jesus teaches about humble living.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461)

Verses 1- 4 & 8 (We Rise)

*"He lives exalted there on high."*

**SERMON** "Push Me Higher" (Luke 14:11)

*Pastor Brad Urbach*

**CREED** *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son,  
You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table.

Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.



**P** Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**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.

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

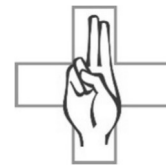
### **Both services next Sunday**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*





## CLOSING HYMN

"My Soul Rejoices"  
*"The meek exalted"*

(LSB 933)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**AS WE GATHER** Entering the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, is one of the most memorable experiences for any Christian pilgrim visiting the Holy Land. First constructed at the commission of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, the church is on the oldest site continually used for worship by Christians anywhere in the world. Although the basilica initially had a grand arched entrance in its first thousand years, it came into a period of disuse and neglect after the conquest of the Holy Land by the Islamic rulers of the Ottoman

Empire in AD 1516. In an effort to prevent people from entering the church with horses and cattle, the Christians caring for the building at that time walled up the main entrance, leaving only a very small door. This opening has ever since been known as the "Door of Humility." It makes a most fitting way for those who come to worship at the site of the manger of the Christ Child to enter that sacred space. Where we worship here and now is also a sacred space. Although we may not have needed to bow down to enter the front door today, bringing an attitude of humility to our worship of our gracious Lord is truly fitting for us.

*But when you are invited, go and sit in 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 table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 14:10-11*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching** this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke and family are on a trip to Wisconsin.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at both services next Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

**Holy Baptism** This morning at our 8:30 service Dayson Lee Martian becomes a son of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Dayson is the first born son of Dalton and Savannah Martian. Sponsors for Dayson are Wyatt Loesch and Brandi Dockter. Wyatt is Savannah's brother and Brandi is the sister of Dalton. May our Lord Jesus keep Dayson in His eternal care.





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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Aug. 20, Att. 29;** Offering \$20.00; **Sun., Aug. 24, Att. 306;** General Fund \$10,096.90; Building Fund \$250.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$505.00; Medora Trip \$251.00; Forever Young \$71.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Broadcasts \$185.00.

**ENDOWMENT FUND** When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.



**Please join family and friends as we celebrate Janice and Leonard Deal's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!**

**A reception is being held today, Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-5 pm at the Ft. Pierre Senior Center, 19 East Main Street, Ft. Pierre.**

## **COUNTRY FAIR GIFT BASKETS NEEDS – DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1st**

Mark your calendar! The Faith Lutheran LWML will once again host the Country Fair fall bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm.

Gift baskets are a popular item at the Country Fair. Good quality baskets (*not the type typically used for Easter baskets*) are needed, along with new items that will fit in a basket. Please leave donations in Narthex coat closet – mark them “for gift baskets”.

### **Among items needed by September 1st:**

\$5 or \$10 gift cards from Scooter's, Caribou Coffee, Taco John's, Subway, Dairy Queen, etc.

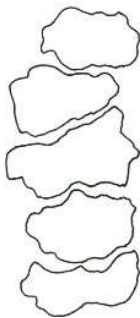
- Christmas-themed items
- Snowman items
- Baby blankets, baby toys, rattles, baby bath wash, baby books
- Assorted (wrapped) hard candy, candy bars, jerky sticks
- Individual serving size packets of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soup
- Wooden spoons, soup mugs, small (new) cookbooks
- Hand soaps, lotions
- Candles, cute notepads, cloth napkins
- Small home décor items that will fit in a gift basket

NOTE - A limited number of gift baskets are made, so some items may be held over for future use.

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We are going to start again in September and would like to start preparing a schedule.



**Thanks to “Do-Gooders”** – This week we would like to thank you, yes you, the one sitting in the pew reading this announcement. Thank you for being with us. Thank you for the time that you have given to us. Thank you for the prayers that you have spoken over this past year. Thank you for worshipping with us and strengthening your faith. Thank you for reading the past fifty-two “Thanks for Do-Gooder” announcements (or however many you read). Thank you for putting a smile on your pastors’ faces when they see you. Thank you for smiling back. Thank you for being a do-gooder in whatever ways that God has called you to love him and serve the people around you. While this will be our last “Thanks for Do-Gooders,” it is also the beginning of a new year filled with, by God’s grace, new opportunities, new realizations, new relationships, and renewed faith, you do-gooder, you.



**Memorial Garden Stones** If you have had a loved one go to their eternal rest and would like to honor their memory, you could have their name engraved on a memorial stone. We have 110 names on the stones already. The cost is \$35 for their name and if you would like to have a space reserved for your name, it costs another \$50. There are request forms in the Narthex on the information desk under the large bulletin board closest to the Grand Avenue entrance. Deadline for this is October 1.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY - COMING THIS FALL, 2025 SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **A Study of the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.**



*What is "The Rapture"? Does the Bible have any examples of "The Rapture"?*

*Will only 144,000 people be saved?*

*How many times will Jesus return before Judgment Day?*

These and many other questions will be answered during our study.

**Class size will be limited, so there will be two or more opportunities to attend during the week.**

**Due to limited classroom space, the Study will be scheduled Sundays between Services (9:45 to 10:45 AM), and one or two alternate times during the week, depending upon interest.**

**Looking for anyone interested in getting a new cookbook together.** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Contact Helen in the office if you would be willing to be on a committee. **Bring your recipes to the office.** Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. We will take our time on assembling this cookbook.





**Building Healthy Families:** If you're suffering today from a recent loss or tragedy, or struggling with a concern that's been with you for many years, please know you're not alone. It's not only okay but God-pleasing to reach for help. God created us to live in community, where we share each other's joys and challenges. *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* Lutheran Family Service counselors are part of your Lutheran Christian community and are available when others are not or when you need a trusted outside perspective

**Grief Share** Grief Share is beginning with "Loss of Spouse" on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2PM at the community Bible Church. The first session of 14 sessions will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM and is entitled, "Is This Normal?"

**Main Street Living** "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - "The Reluctant Witness"** - A man's fishing trip is interrupted when he becomes a witness to crime and struggles with the aftermath.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Alan Ludwig**, pastor at Our Savior and St. John's Lutheran Churches in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "From Sabbath Meal to Kingdom Feast". The sermon is based on Luke 14:1–14. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed.” *Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Faith Lutheran Youth

**Sunday School\*:** *Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for ages 3 (must be potty trained) – high school. Classes begin on Rally Day, September 7th with a meal to follow the 11 a.m. service.*

**Register to attend or**  
**teach/volunteer:** <https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2024/31364>

**Midweek\*:** *Wednesday from 6 – 7 p.m. for grades 2-8. Classes begin September 10th. While regular attendance is important for all classes, it is particularly important for 7th and 8th graders desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade course.*

**Register to attend,**  
**teach/volunteer:** <https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2024/31371>

*\* The content for Sunday School and Midweek are different and participation in both is strongly encouraged.*



## FALL BIBLE STUDIES

**'Revelation' Sunday, Sept. 7 9:45-10:45 am St Matthew Room**

**'1 & 2 Peter' Sunday, Sept. 21 6:30-8:00 pm Living Room**

**'Joshua' Tuesdays ongoing 10:30-11:30 am Women's study in the Young Conference Room by office**

**'Raising Kids to Follow Christ' Tuesday, Sept. 23 6:15 pm**

**'James' Wednesday, Sept. 10 6:00-7:00 pm conference room by office**

**'Jesus' Wednesday, Sept. 17 6:30 in homes**

### *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

**Today: Aug. 31**

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion

**Mon: Sept. 1 LABOR DAY**

Office Closed

**Tues: Sept. 2**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study *Joshua*

6:15 pm Bd. of Property Mgt.

**Wed: Sept. 3**

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Sept. 4**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

**Sun: Sept. 7 RALLY DAY**

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School Begins

9:45 am *Revelation* Study Begins

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Rally Day Meal

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

