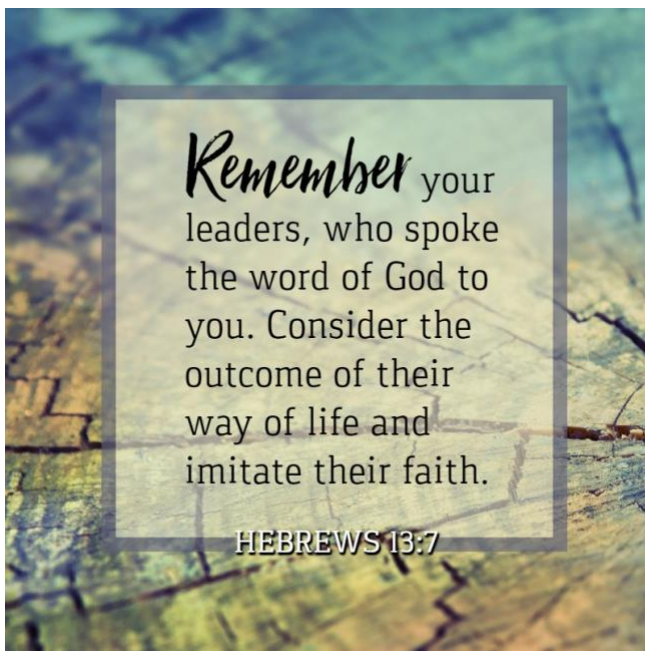


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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022

Morning Prayer (pp. 235ff. in LSB)

Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 903, "This the Day the Lord
Has Made"



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the
2 To - day He rose and left the dead, And Sa - tan's
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To Da - vid's
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - joice, let
em - pire fell; To - day the saints His
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread And all His won - ders tell.
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from Your throne.
comes to us To save our fall - en race.
which He reigns. Shall give Him no - bler praise.

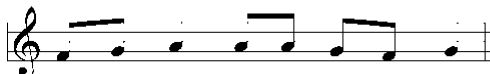
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The Versicles

LSB 235



☐ O Lord, o - pen my lips,



☑ and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Psalmody

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

The Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

LSB 236

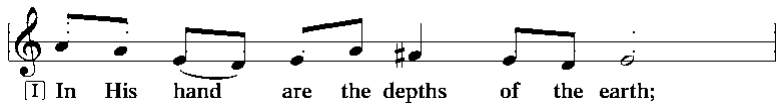
C O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va - tion.

I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;

let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.

II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



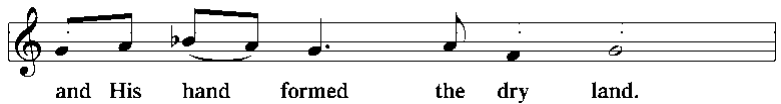
[I] In His hand are the depths of the earth;



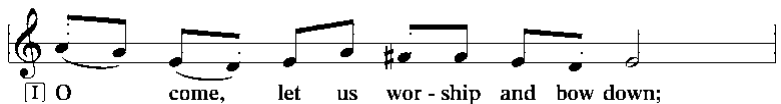
the heights of the mountains are His al - so.



[II] The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



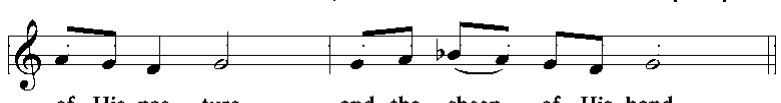
[I] O come, let us worship and bow down;



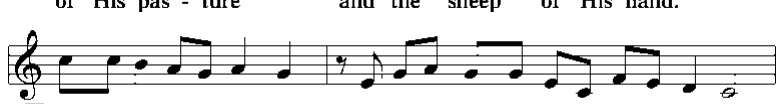
let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.



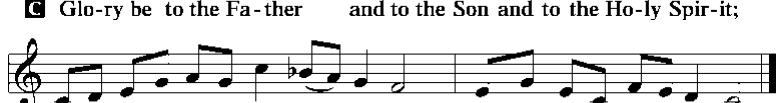
[II] For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



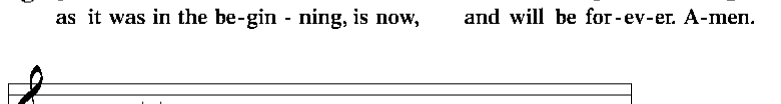
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



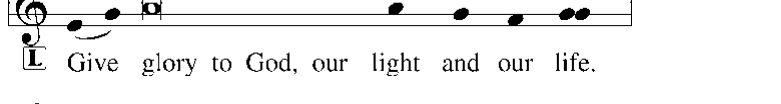
[C] Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



[L] Give glory to God, our light and our life.



[C] O come, let us wor - ship Him.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 131 (chanted)

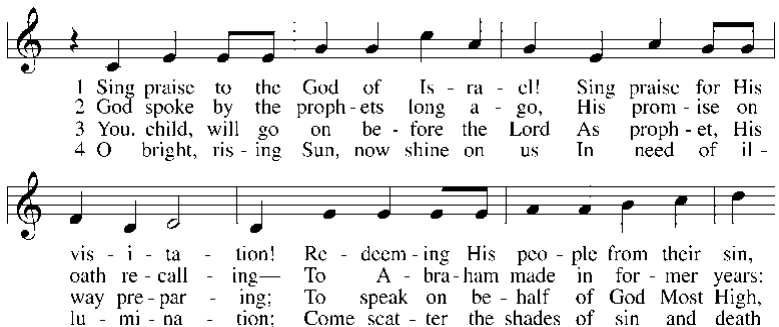
Psalm: Psalm 131

- ¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not | raised too high;*
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvel- | ous for me.
- ²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its | mother;*
like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.
- ³O Israel, hope | in the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

The Collect of the Day

- 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.

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 936 "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death

Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-17

P A reading from Hebrews, chapter 13.

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also

suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Lift High the Name of Jesus" (Getty)

Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace
The beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground
To freedom from our sin

Chorus

*Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than
Is greater than this world

To share the reason for our hope
To serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save
Can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home (*Chorus*)

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The Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1–14

P A reading from Luke, chapter 14.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.
²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.
³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place

to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

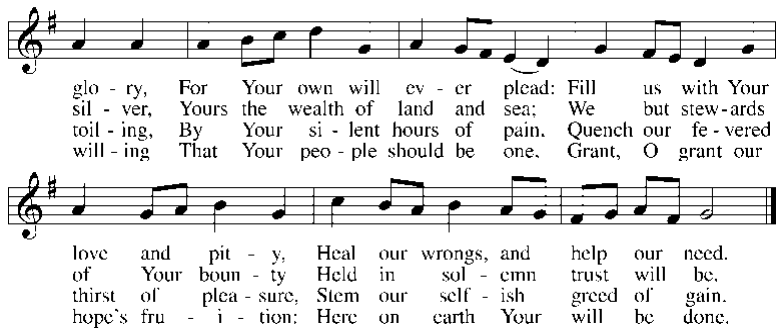
- L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

1 Son of God, eter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers. So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us. King of love and
 4 Son of God, eter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain. Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one. Grant, O grant our

love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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The Sermon: Hebrews 13:7, “Imitate Your Spiritual Leaders”

The Offering

The Old Testament Canticle: "Blessed Be Your Name" (Matt Redman)

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (*Pre-chorus and Chorus*)

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

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The General Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

**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.

The Benedicamus

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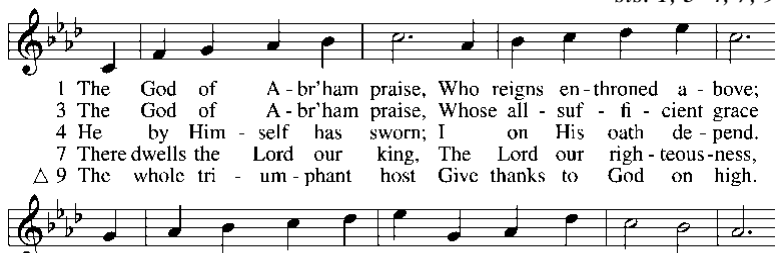
- P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

- P Now may the God of peace who brought again
from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great
shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good
that you may do his will, working in us that which
is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to
whom be glory forever and ever.
- C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 798 "The God of Abraham Praise"

sts. 1, 3-4, 7, 9



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righ - teous-ness,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ca - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
Tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Jc - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
 On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains
 Hail, A - br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
 And glo - rious with His saints in light For - ev - er reigns.
 All might and maj - es - ty arc Thine And end - less praise!

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Events of the Week: August 29-September 4, 2022

Monday 6:30 p.m. Communion service
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. ISJ Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Deacon's meeting
Friday Pastor's Day off
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB
 9:30 a.m. Worship service
 11:00 a.m. Bible study

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: August 21/22, 2022

General Fund	2580.00
Other: Missions/Evangelism	100.00
Other: Tessaro (LBT)	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	2730.00

Announcements

Nursery Available: Parents, we have a nursery room that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship

service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

Invite a friend or family member or coworker to Sunday worship or to Bible study or to one of our groups that gather monthly.

The September newsletter is available. It was emailed to members and paper copies are available in the foyer by the church office.

Diaper Time! During the month of September, we will be collecting diapers for the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Care Center. All diapers are needed but especially sizes 5 and 6. Please place the diapers in the container in the coatroom. Thank you!

Would you like to serve as a lector, that is, a person who reads the Old Testament and Epistle lessons on Sunday morning? If so, please see the sign-up sheet on the table by the church office and select a Sunday.

The Dorcas Society invites all women to gather for lunch on Thursday, September 8 at 1pm at Russ' restaurant on Plainfield Ave. Join us for good food, fellowship and sharing God's love with each other.

St. James is looking for a parttime secretary to do the Sunday bulletin, the monthly newsletter, and updating of basic records (e.g., worship and communion attendance; church roster). If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.

Portals of Prayer (October – December), regular and large print, are available on the table in the foyer by the church office.

Who do you know who might need preschool for their child or who might be looking to send their child(ren) to an elementary Christian school? A grandchild? A neighbor's child? Please tell them about our school, ISJ Academy. The school phone number is: 616-363-0505. The ISJ Academy website is: <https://www.mychristianschool.com/>.

The 2022 Lutherans for Life National Conference is October 21-22 (all day Friday until Saturday at noon) in Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities). For more information and to register for the conference, visit: <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>.

A Life Thought in the Church Year: *“It is the glory of God to conceal things”* (Proverbs 25:2), like the sanctity of life hidden behind surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. *“The glory of kings is to search things out,”* like the sanctity of life beheld in embryos and elderly ones. If rescuing pets brings relief (Luke 14:5), what rejoicing will be ours in defending our endangered neighbors?

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: John Weiss

Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Margie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

July Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and Amanda Donigan