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August 28, 2022; THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM – Non-Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude - *Aberystwyth* - Arr. by Paul R. Otte

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW#819 - "Come All You People"

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

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.**

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

L: A Reading from Proverbs, the 25th chapter.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They 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.**

⁹They 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

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from Hebrews, the 14th chapter.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 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. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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

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.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 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. 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 honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 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.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW#720 - "We Are Called"

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers and Intercessions:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music - *This Little Light of Mine* - Landon Helfrich, Trumpet

Canticle of Thanksgiving (ELW 219)

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p.220)

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW#726 - "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Higher Ground* - Arr.by Mark Hayes

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Mark Harwick and Beth Snyder
Lector	- Mark Harwick
Greeters	- Mark Harwick
Usher	- Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, August 28th - 12th Sunday after Pentecost
- Next Sunday, September 4th- 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- TODAY, Sunday, Aug. 28th The Music & Worship committee will meet after church to discuss fall & Advent services, bulletins, resuming choir, etc.
- On Sunday, September 11th- We will be participating with the Palisades Church in a collection as a part of God's Work, Our Hands.
- Sunday, September 11th- FALL WORSHIP BEGINS- **10:30 AM**
- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS- AUGUST 29th – David Sauter and Landon Frey; AUGUST 30th – Helen Dungan and Lynn Leichliter
- AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES- AUGUST 31st – Kathy and Ed Haney
- AUGUST BAPTISMS- AUGUST 28th- Adam Philipps; AUGUST 29th – Mary Erceg
- Congratulations to Bethany and Joshua Michl on the birth of their daughter Julia Ann Michl on August 22, 2022; Grandparents Barbara & Ben Naska and Barbara & Daniel Foster.
- Our Outreach envelopes for August will go to our two local food banks

- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bethany Michl; Barbara Naska; Beth Snyder; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Joan Daniels; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Lenny Marin; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Becky Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Erin Schoepflim; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson; and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.