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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 20, 2023**

**11:00AM**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**837**

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

**RALLY DAY CHILDREN’S MESSAGE &**

**BLESSING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS**

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Isaiah 56:1*

P Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,

**C for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed.”**

P The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

*(We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.)*

P Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

**C We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.**

P Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

**C At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.**

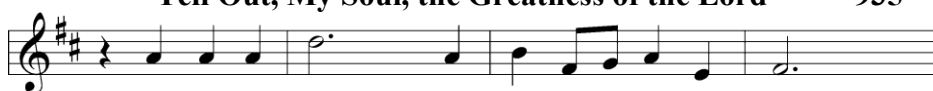
P Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

935



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.  
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

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

Pew Bible page 783

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

**Psalms 67**

**L** May God be gracious to us and bless us

**C** and make His face to shine upon us,

**L** that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

**C** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**L** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**C** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**L** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**C** God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**ALLELUIA**



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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 15:21-29**

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After the Gospel is read:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “In Christ There Is No East or West” 653**

**SERMON**

“The Reject Pile”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. By Your grace alone, we receive the salvation that has come to us in the person of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has delivered us so that all who trust in You may receive the promised inheritance of life everlasting.

Gathered to remember Christ's sacrifice for our salvation, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may experience Your mercy and know the unity You give through Your Son's body and blood.

Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*We sit.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” 641

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 770

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” 922

**POSTLUDE**



## Sermon Notes

Our God  
does NOT  
REJECT  
Our God  
KEEPS,  
CHOOSES,  
ELECTS,  
&  
GIFTS  
GRACE



ROMANS 11:2-5