The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness** *p. 94-96*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, ***C:*** **we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C:*** **Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn # 842** (vs. 1,2,3,4) **"Oh, Worship The King"**

* **Greeting** p. 147 **(spoken)** *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** p. 147 **(spoken)** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.* ***C:*** **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***C*: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. ***C:*** **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. ***C:*** **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ***C:*** **Amen.**

*** The Prayer of the Day** *(all pray)* **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<u>First Lesson</u>: Isaiah 56:6-8

6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the
name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not
profane it, and holds fast my covenant—7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make
them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted
on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8 The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those
already gathered."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

<u>Responsive Reading:</u> Psalm 67

L: **67** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

C:2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

L:3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C:4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

L: 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C:6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

ALL:7 God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

<u>Second Lesson:</u> Acts 18:1-4

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila,
a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had
commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 3 and because he was of
the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he
reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

*** <u>Gospel Announcement</u>**

***** Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** <u>The Gospel Lesson:</u> Matthew 15:21-28**

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and
Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have
mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But
he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her
away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he
answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said,
"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then
Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And
her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. ***C:*** **Praise to You, O Christ**.

Children's Sermon

Hymn # 185 (TOSB – sing twice) **"Something Beautiful"**

The Sermon **"To The End Of The Earth"**
(The Act of The Apostles)
Part 13- "Paul In Corinth"
(text: Acts 18:1-4) **Pastor William Shields**

*** Apostles' Creed** *p. 105*

The Hymn of the Day # 656 **"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"**

Offering

*** Offering Response** **"Doxology"**

Prayers

***Words of Institution**

*** The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 ***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 Communion – *In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing.* ***(Standing)*** *Come down the center aisle. You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the outside end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing Communion hymns #****543, 592, 597, 613.***

*** The Blessing**

*** Benediction**

*** Sending Hymn # 742** **"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"**

*** Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ***C:*** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Mon. Aug. 17	10:00am – Endowment Meeting
	6:30pm – Gideons Dinner
Tues. Aug. 18	**No Circle Meetings**
Wed Aug. 19	6:30am – Men's Bible Study
	1:00pm – Prayer Group
Sat Aug. 22	7:00am – Gideon's Prayer meeting
Sunday, Aug. 23	**9:30am Worship**
	10:45 am Coffee Fellowship

All ladies of the church are invited to a summer luncheon at Cafe Grace, Tuesday, August 18th, at 11:30 am.
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the back table.
Guests are welcome.