



Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:15 am

Twelfth Week After Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

vs. 1, 2 & 3

"Morning Has Broken"

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

A reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

A reading from Ephesians.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

vs. 1 & 4

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, Let us confess our faith...

**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 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 OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

vs. 1 & 2

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Pr. Justin Smoot

Mary Wittich - Assisting Minister

Joel Freiberg - Pianist

Susan Paisar - Layreader and Vocalist

Technical Support

Troy Radtke

Mark Clark

Joel Freiberg

Bob Wiederhoeft

Holy Communion

All are welcome. The communion elements are available on the table in the Narthex along with a plastic bag to dispose of the empty cup(s) following communion which can be placed in the waste can as you leave the Sanctuary. Communion is received together as directed during the service.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Don and Joan Smith and Adrienne Hess in memory of Sue Novak.

Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received today in support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to help offset the shipping costs for school bags and personal care kits.

Personal Care Kits for LWR

In addition to quilts, school bags and school supplies, Saint Andrew contributes personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) as well. The kit consists of:

*1 light-weight, dark color, **bath-size towel** , between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52"*

*2-3 bath-size **bars of soap** equaling 8-9 ounces, any brand, in its original wrapping*

*1 adult-size **toothbrush** in its original packaging*

*1 sturdy **comb***

*1 metal **nail clippers***

Please purchase all five items. Donated items must be new, with no advertising, religious or military symbols. Look for the Personal Care Kit display in the Narthex.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support!

Now more than ever we are grateful for a gift of any amount you might share to further support the ministry of Saint Andrew. What you share makes a difference as we seek to be "open to all". For the many ways you give, thank you. Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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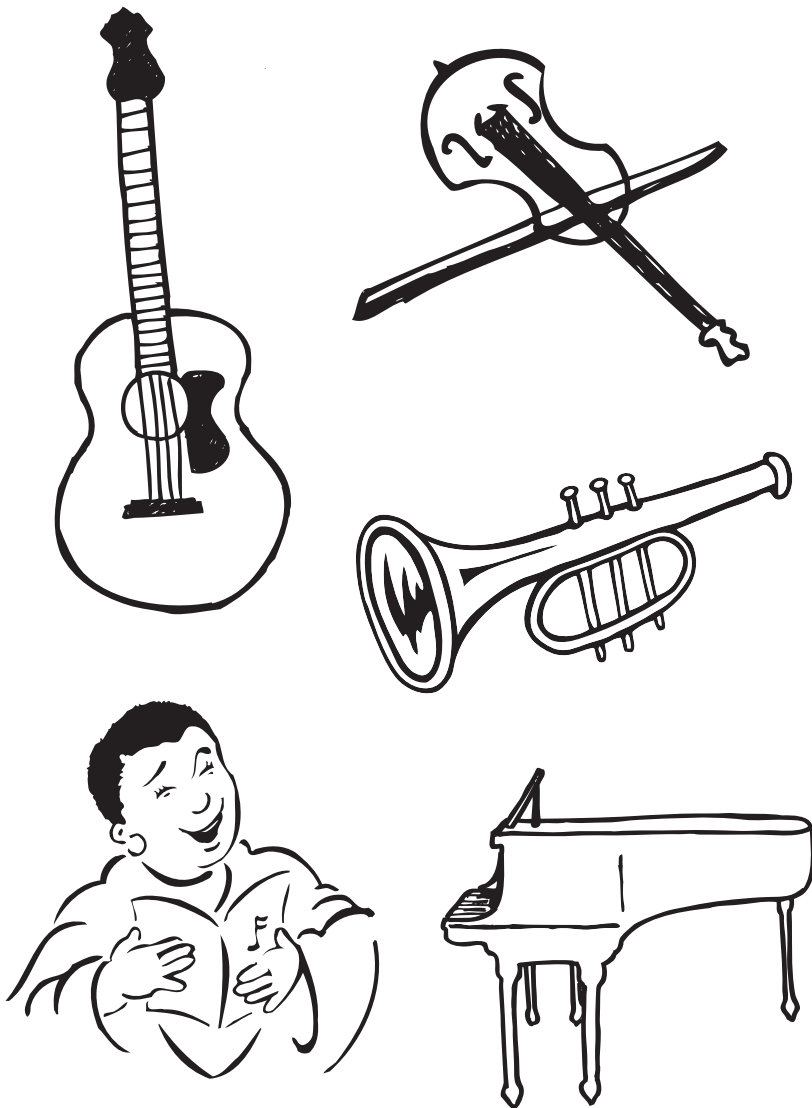
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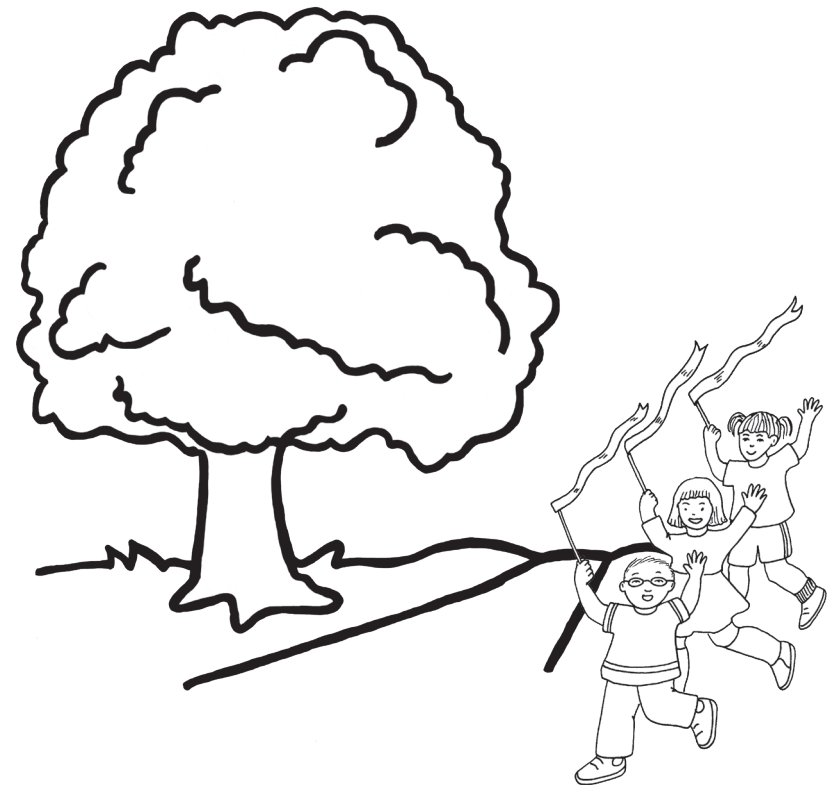


PRE-READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season (and always) we say **thank you** to God.
- We can **sing** our thanks.

**These kids are singing and praising God.
Add more friends to this party!**





Take this bread and eat it. This is my body.

Jesus says that he is bread for the whole world!

Trace the letter by each person. Put the letters together to spell BREAD.



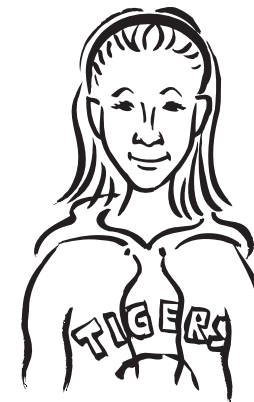
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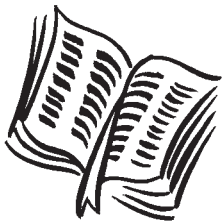
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Hymnbook Hunt

Find a song of thanks. It might be something you sing at the end of each communion service or it may be a favorite hymn or song. Put its page number here:



Look for the Psalms in your hymnbook or a Bible. Find a psalm that has your age in its chapter number. What is it about?

Have someone read some of the psalm verses to you. Look for today's chapter, Psalm 34.

Choose a favorite song that is sung today in worship.

What makes it a favorite one for you?



READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the **12th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Jesus is the **bread of life** for the whole world.
- We **say and sing** thank you to God.

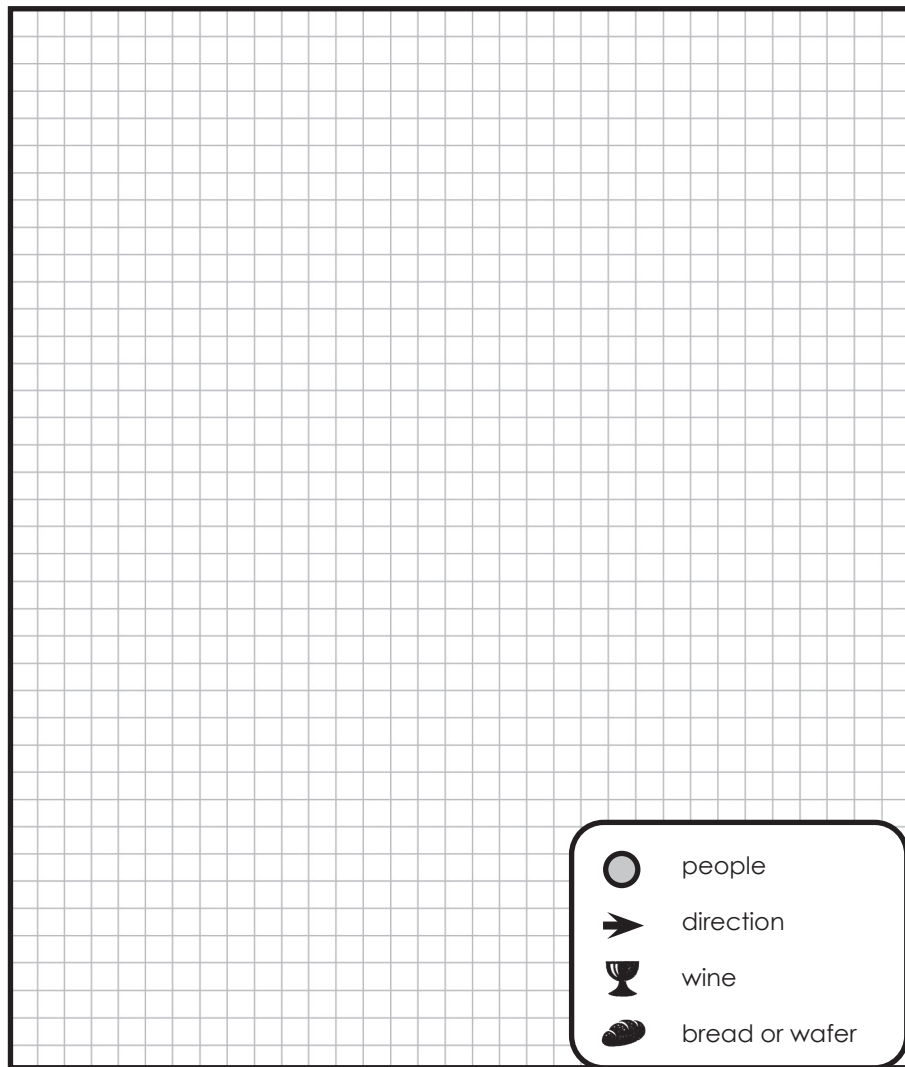
Party Time

We say thank you to God by celebrating life. Add everything you need to throw a party under this tree.



Mapping Out Communion

Going up for communion or a blessing can be confusing! Use shapes and arrows to make a map of how people go to communion at your church.



Bible Tip!

The Bible has an entire book of songs in it. This book is mentioned in today's Memory Verse. Can you find it?

This musical verse has its rhymes all mixed up! Use the rhyming words surrounding it to rewrite the verse. Look up Ephesians 5:19 to check your work.

Memory Verse



psalms hymns singing
songs
your
making
selves hearts
Sing palms and limbs and
spiritual tongs among your
elves, ringing and taking
melody to the Lord in sore
carts. Ephesians 5:19



Thank You

Say thank you in sign language. Bring your open palm to your mouth and extend your arm in front of you. Try this the next time you go up for communion or a blessing.



AUGUST 15, 2021
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus as the bread of life binds us together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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| Sunday | John 6:51-58 | Christ, the true food and drink |
| Monday | Proverbs 9:1-6 | Wisdom's feast |
| Tuesday | Ephesians 5:15-20 | Be filled with the Spirit |
| Wednesday | Acts 2:41-47 | Life among believers |
| Thursday | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | The Lord's Supper |
| Friday | Matthew 26:17-30 | The Passover with the disciples |
| Saturday | Psalms 34:9-14 | God teaches the fear of the Lord |
| Sunday | John 6:56-71 | Many disciples desert Jesus |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that unites us in Christ and promises us life everlasting. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food today, just as we thank you for Jesus Christ and the gift of his presence to know and to share with one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of heaven, bless you with life and faith now and always.



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AUGUST 15, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some ways you enjoy spending time with family and friends?
- How does having meals together help build relationships?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you experience and feel the closeness of the Christian community?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:51-58.

John's Gospel does not have the words adapted for the Lord's Supper that one finds in Matthew, Luke, or 1 Corinthians. However, here you have Jesus speaking in terms that clearly reflect the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel interprets the meal's significance as a new manna, the bread from heaven that the Israelites received in the wilderness. While the Israelites would continue to complain and turn away from God, those who receive Jesus in the Lord's Supper, the bread from heaven, will live forever. They will abide with Jesus and Jesus with them. Jesus, as the bread from heaven, binds us together as the community of disciples. Such is the power and meaning of this meal for all generations. In the Lord's Supper Jesus has a relationship to his followers and his followers enjoy a relationship to each other. How does the Lord's Supper strengthen your relationship to other Christians? How does the Lord's Supper help you in your relationship with Jesus?

Pray: **Living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Lord's Supper that binds us to him, to one another, and to the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.**

SERVICE

Sharing a meal together is a valuable way to nurture relationships. Invite friends, family, especially those who live alone to have a meal with you, so that you may get to know them better and bless them with your care. Talk about your recent highs and lows and then pray together.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 5:19 encourages us to *"sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart."* Think of some of your favorite hymns, children's songs, and psalms from the Bible. Sing them, read them as an offering to God, or listen to them online as music strengthens you in your life of faith.



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