

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

***PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-Service Voluntary: *“Your Land and My Land”* – S. Romberg
Welcome / Announcements

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

Prelude: Variation on *“Earth and All Stars”* – M. Burkhardt

(A brief silence is observed.)

† GATHERING †

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING SONG:**

Hymn #731: *“Earth and All Stars!”*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires 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.

**Please stand if you are able*

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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most 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: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God 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.

GREETING

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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† GOD'S WORD †

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7–11

L: A reading from Ezekiel the 33rd chapter.

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

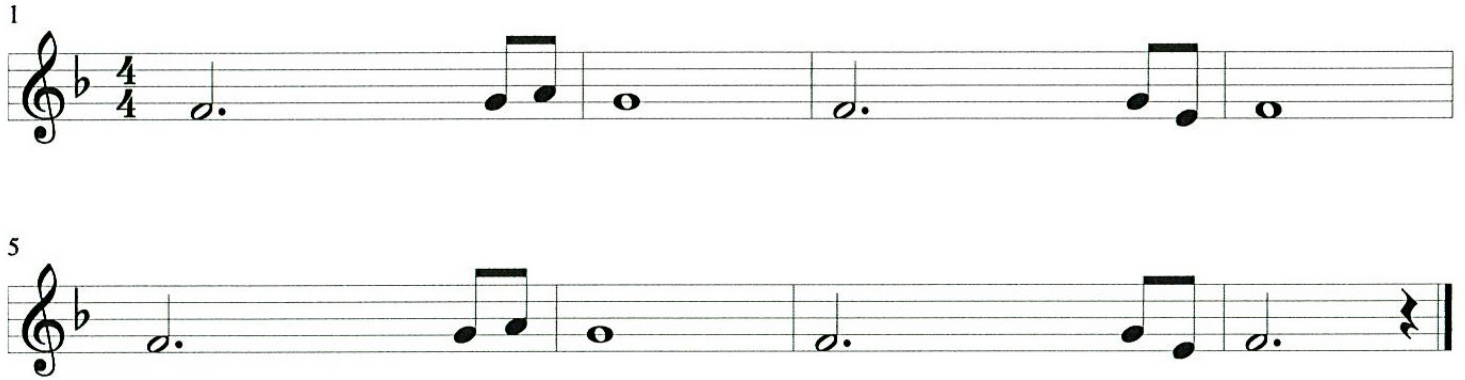
¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 119:33–40



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

**³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.**

**³⁶Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.

**³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.**

**⁴⁰Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8–14

L: A reading from Romans the 13th chapter.

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in

this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:15–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be

confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: *"How to Overcome Evil with Good"*

HYMN OF THE DAY: #359: *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: 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.

† **WE OFFER TO GOD** †

*P: Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Holy and life-giving God, unite your people in a life of righteousness and loving-kindness. Form us as your witnesses, so that when people seek compassion, they may find it in Christ-centered community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless the labors of farmers, herders, packagers, and all who work for the harvest and distribution of food. Make them a strong link between your abundant creation and all hungry people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guide the work of all elected officials. Create and encourage accountability in governments. Use these servants of the people to uphold justice in our world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Make the presence of Christ known among those who are ill, grieving, and broken-hearted. Bring your gifts of healing and wholeness to all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant a spirit of thankfulness to all whose daily needs are met. Give hope to those who are unemployed or underemployed. Bind us together in service to one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: As we recall the lives of the saints who have revealed Christ to us, open our eyes to see his face in those gathered with us. Strengthen our faith in his ongoing work of redemption. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

VOCAL OFFERTORY: *“Thou Art God”* – Adam & Bourne

***OFFERING HYMN:** *“Let the Vineyards...”* **Hymn 182**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful God,

C: As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

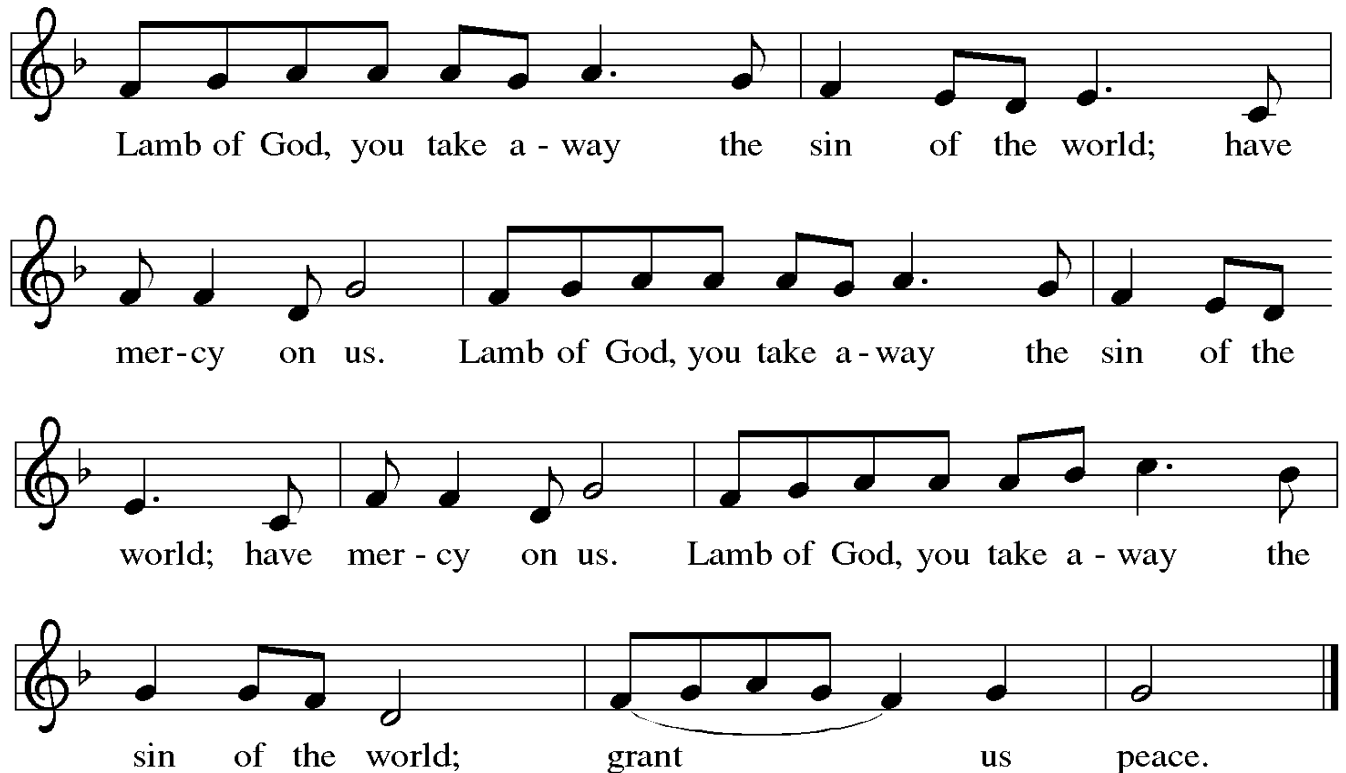
C: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

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*THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communicating Children with Them to the Communion Rail. Pick up an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion, Exit By Way Of The Side Door. If You Cannot Come To the Altar, the Pastor Will Come To You, Please Notify An Usher.

During Communion

Hymn 804: *“Come Down, O Love Divine”*

Hymn 470: *“Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

Hymn 742: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

Hymn 616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”* (sing 3 times)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle: *“Thankful hearts”*

Hymn #204

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)

***SENDING SONG:**

Hymn #888: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

***CLOSING PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "God Bless America"

– I. Berlin



Acolyte: Randy Brubaker

Communion Assistants: Gail Harker & Dave Haldeman

Scripture Reader: Barbara Moyer

Vocal Offertory: Erin Brubaker

Nursery: Open Unattended

Greeters: David & Shannon Guigley

Ushers: Randy Brubaker (Head), Robin Barr, Sam Heiser, Tess Freeman, Gail Harker (alt.)



DEDICATION FOR AUGUST 29th

The Altar Flowers Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Arlene Henly in Memory of Walter.

The Bulletins Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Verna Buchter in Memory of Paul Buchter.



DEDICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 4th

The Altar Flowers and Bulletins Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Rodger and Shirley Sweigart in Honor of Their Anniversary.

***Welcome to all!** If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again.

***Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has difficulty hearing. Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish to use one of the units during worship.

***Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the back of the church. Please take one during worship. Just return the bag, crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!

***The Meet Me Line** is available for those needing to listen to the service from home. No special equipment is required for usage and is at no cost to the caller as long as Mellingers is not a long distance call for you. Instructions for use are as follows:

1. A few minutes before the church service starts, dial 336-4191.
2. If the phone rings more than four times, the system at the church is not yet turned on. Please hang up and try again in a few minutes.

3. *If you get a busy signal, this means the system is full with other callers.*
4. *If the system answers, please listen quietly and do not hang up for at least ten minutes. This is because if the first person listens for only a few minutes and then hangs up before others call in, the system will shut down and no one else will be able to call in for that service.*
5. *Please be aware that others who call in using this service can hear you speak. Do not talk to other people on the line or in the room.*
6. *You may listen as long as you like. Just hang up when you are finished.*

Mums to Celebrate the Fall Season



The Special Flowers Committee will once again be taking orders for Mums to decorate the church sanctuary on Sunday, October 2. Mums can be purchased to remember and honor loved ones. One Mum plant in a 9" pot is \$5.00. Please complete the order form on the attached envelope to include your name, telephone number, number of mums and the total amount due. Mums will be assorted colors and specific colors cannot be specified. Please list to whom you would like your flowers made in memory of or in honor of. Include your cash or check inside the envelope and place the envelope in the SPECIAL FLOWERS mailbox or give to Melanie Brubaker at church. Please make checks payable to Mellingers Lutheran Church.

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Please pick up your mums after the service on Sunday, October 2.

	8/21/2011 9:00 am Service		
Attendance	135		
General Receipts	\$2,855		
Capital Fund	\$0		
Bldg./Repair Fund	\$0		
Vicar Fund	\$0		
Receipts Compared to Budget As of 8/21/2011			
General Funds			
Adopted Yearly Budget \$233,345			
	Receipts	Budget	Over/(Under)
MTD	\$10,786	\$13,229	(\$2,443)
YTD	\$136,487	\$152,024	(\$15,537)
Other Funds			
	Month To Date	Year To Date	
Building & Repair	\$150	\$2,665	
Capital / Building Fund	\$190	\$1,810	
Repay Capital Loan	\$20	\$1,242	
Organ Pipes	\$0	\$3,295	
Sanctuary Improvements	\$0	\$2,275	

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