

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,

you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places, and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner,

but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

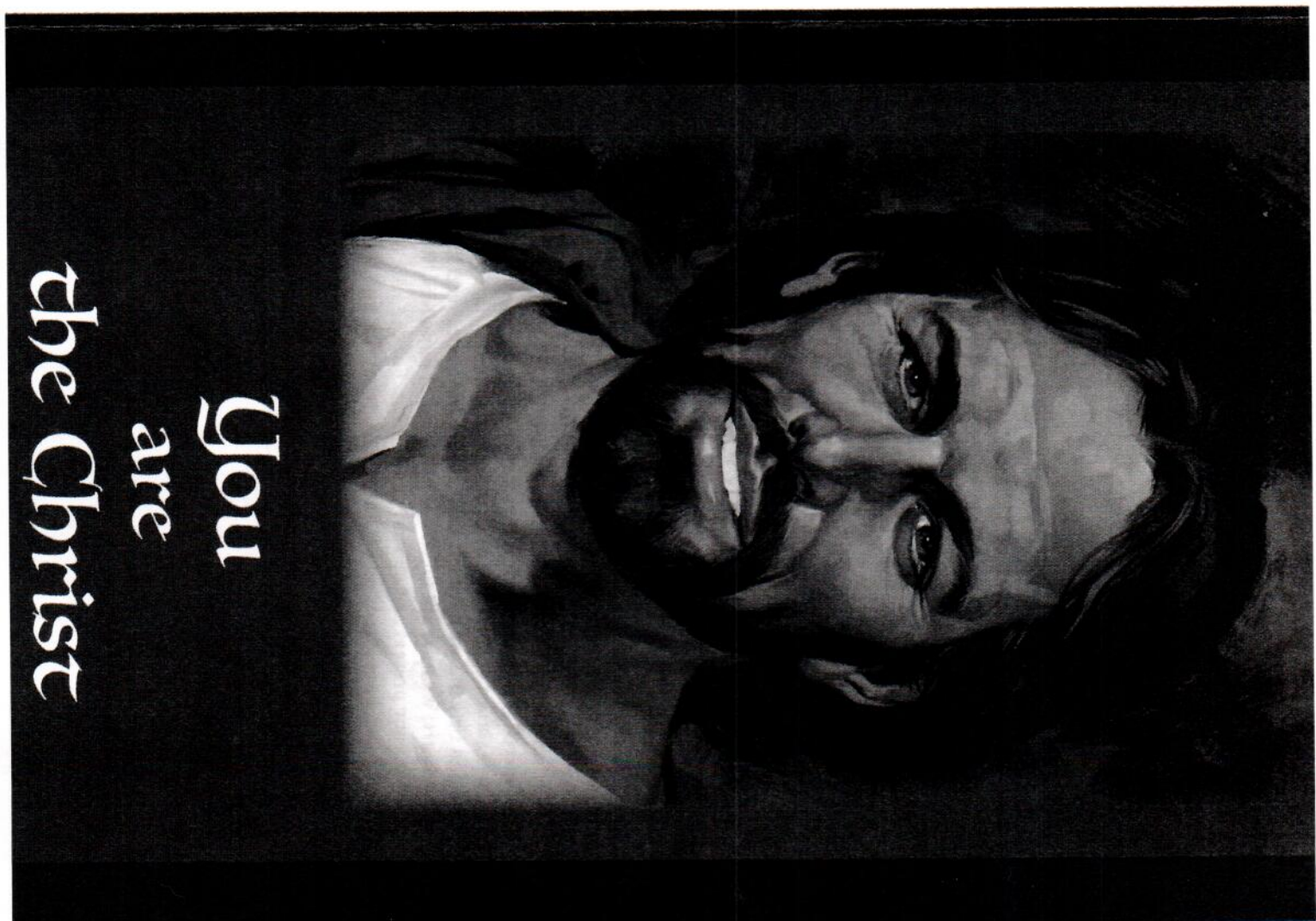
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



About the Cover: "You are the Christ" This confession is the rock on which the Church is built. This Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen One, who brings salvation. Every Sunday that we gather, we make this confession, because He has come to us with forgiveness. Life and salvation is found in no one else.



You
are
the Christ

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2020

The HYMNS are from the Lutheran Service Book (Maroon Book)
Please stand at the appropriate times.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 645- "Built on the Rock"
(Please stand to sing stanza 5)

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: But we will / bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. / Praise the LORD!

C: As for me, I have / set my King* on Zion, my / holy hill.

P: I will tell of / the decree:*

The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have be- / gotten You."

C: Praise the LORD, all / nations!* Extol Him, all / peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast / love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. / Praise the LORD.

C: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

P: But we will / bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. / Praise the LORD!

THE KYRIE

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 HYMN OF PRAISE - "This Is The Feast"

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen. (Be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: Fear the LORD, / you His saints,*

for those who fear Him lack / nothing!

C: **Many are the afflictions of the / righteous,***
but the LORD delivers him out / of them all.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Matthew 16:13-20

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven. And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge on Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated after making confession of our faith)

THE SERMON HYMN NO. 912 - "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

(Please stand to sing stanza 3)

THE SERMON - "Don't Panic! Stand On The Rock!"

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

(Stand)

THE OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy."
Congregation to respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE PREFACE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

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Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (Be Seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn No. 750 - "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Hymn No. 818 - "In Thee Is Gladness"

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THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice

and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and

leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C: Amen. (Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 761 - "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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