

**DIVINE SERVICE FOR
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY**



LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lebanon Church, VA

August 30, 2020

WELCOME

Prelude followed by the bells.

Hark the Glad Sound

Hymn of Invocation



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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PREPARATORY OFFICE

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Purity

- P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, 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.

Exhortation

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that 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. 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.

Declaration of Grace

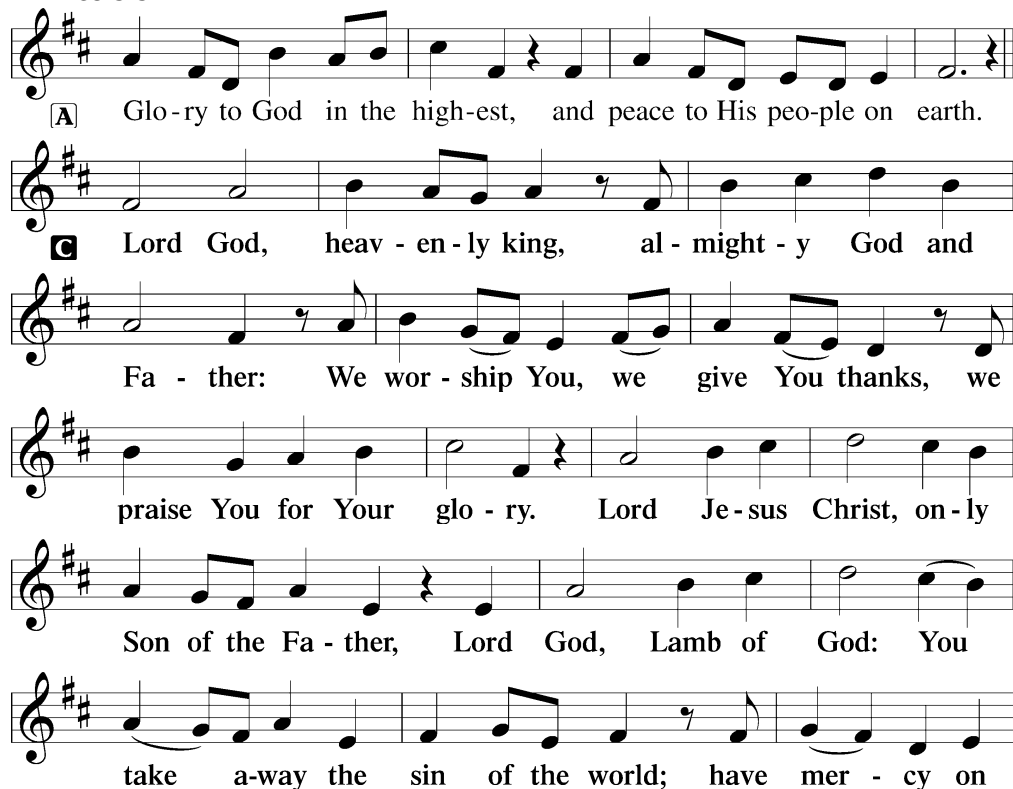
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Apostolic 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.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
 until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
 and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
 the words of a book,
 and out of their gloom and darkness
 the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
 and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
 and the scoffer cease,

and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,
²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 8

¹Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign for- | ever,*
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

sts. 1-4



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



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

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

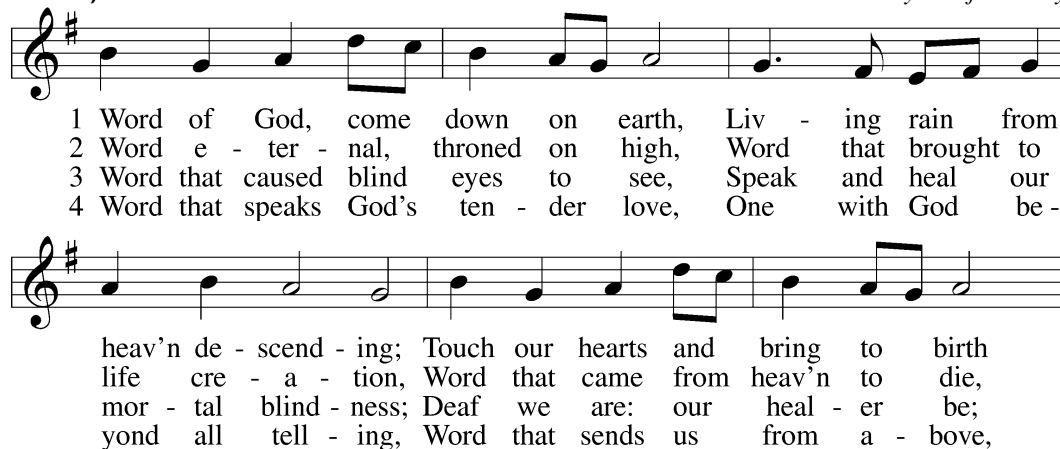
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Hymn of the Day



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,

Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
 we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day He rose again.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO MEMBERS

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became a member of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation for many years. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our brother Jack with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend him as he now departs from us. Preserve him in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace and joy. The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

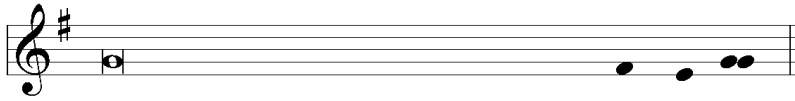
Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - - - men.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Mission Hymn



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Congregational Announcements

Dismissal

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

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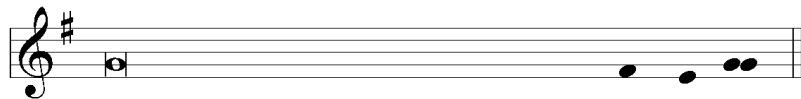
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

George Beauchesne, Matthew Brumback , Nadine Buckle, Bessie and Annie Clem, Debbie Gochenour, Kelliann Harris, Jimmy Hockman, Howard McDonald, Ernie Pingley, and all caregivers.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Chris will be on vacation this week. In case of emergency, he may be reached on his cell phone.

Budget requests for 2021 should be submitted to Finance Committee members, Melvin, Harris, J.D. Cutlip, or David Leathers as soon as possible.

A **“Noisy Offering”** for the Special Needs Fund will be collected TODAY. Please give generously.

A **Card Shower is planned** for Lavinia “Jane” Clark, in celebration of her 90th birthday on Thursday, September 3rd. Since visitors are not allowed at Lynn Care, let’s shower her with cards. Her address is Lavinia Jane Clark, Room 200B, Lynn Care Center, 100 N. Shenandoah Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630

SAVE THE DATE - A Service of Land Dedication, Special Recognitions, and Thanksgivings will be held on Saturday, October 3, beginning at 4pm. A catered meal will be served at 5pm. Please make your reservation on the sign-up sheet available in the fellowship hall.

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