

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31 | 9:30 am

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Hymn of the Day: As Rain from the Clouds ELW 508

FIRST READING

A reading: from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**W**hen you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

<sup>2</sup>**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## SECOND READING

A reading: from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Corinthians 9:6-15

**T**he point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to

God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 14:1,7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**O**n one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev Martha McCreight
Musicians	Nathan K. Lively-Greyling, Ryan Deal, McKayla Ferguson, Nanette & Tom Jordan, Alex McGuiness
Worship Assistant	
Reader	
Communion Assistants	Cheryl Milukas
Acolyte	
Usher	
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	J. Geils, Janet Halpin
Little Free Pantry	Cheryl & Joe Milukas
Coffee Hour	Cheryl Milukas, Marie Sweglar

### Little Free Pantry

To volunteer and maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock – for the period of one week, go to the Social Ministry tab on St. John's website or contact Janet Segerdell - [janet.segerdell@gmail.com](mailto:janet.segerdell@gmail.com). The LFP can always use cash contributions which are used to purchase food at the Food Bank for pennies on the dollar.

### Summer Pick-Up Choir

If you enjoy singing, feel free to join the summer choir at 9:00 am each Sunday. We meet in the church around the piano. There's no weekly commitment and it's fun and easy - a great family opportunity.

Altar Flowers on Sunday, August 31 were given by Andrea Budner in celebration of her granddaughter Charlotte Dianis' 14th birthday.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, September 3

Vespers - 6:00 pm Chapel

### Sunday, September 7 - Rally Sunday

September 7    9:30 am Worship  
                    10:30 am God's Work Our Hands Service Project - Welcome Room

### Looking Ahead . . .

September 14    Return to 8:30 and 10:30 am Worship  
                    9:30 am Sunday School Intro