

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 16, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	ELW 886
Hymn of Day	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	ELW 650
Sending	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	ELW 434
Prelude	<i>May Angels Bright Be Near Me</i>	Schreiner
Anthem	<i>Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing</i>	Young
Communion	<i>Larghetto</i>	Samuel Wesley
Postlude	<i>Plein Jeu VI</i>	Couperin

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

SERVERS	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Frank Yonce	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
Lector	Charles Nicholson	Melba Murphy
Worship	Charles Nicholson	Melba Murphy
	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Ushers	Jim Garner, Chief <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	Wayne Lybrand <i>*Need Volunteer</i>
Tellers	Beth Cleland Melba Murphy	Beth Cleland Sandra Hughes
Offering Pickup	Jim Garner	Wayne Lybrand
Property	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Charles and Ruth Nicholson	Isma Boland Melba Murphy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Jim and Theresa Garner.

- The weekly bulletin is printed on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- WELCA Community Service Project. This summer, the Cameron Rebekah Circle is collecting TWIN sheets, pillowcases, blankets and pillows for a Scooter Scott project. Two blue containers are in the Cameron Hallway for these items. Money contributions are also accepted. Make check out to Our Saviour WELCA and give it to Ann Satterwhite or Linda Hill. Thanks for your support and help.
- Please join Lutheran Men for our annual lunch at Shealy's Bar-B-Q in Leesville this coming Tuesday (August 18) at noon. Everyone is invited for good food and fellowship.
- September Grapevine Deadline: 9:00 a.m. Monday 8/24/26
- **SAVE THE DATE** – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th

Sunday <i>August 16</i>	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Summer Camp)
	11:00 a.m.	2 ND Summer Camp Lunch
Tuesday <i>August 18</i>	12:00 p.m.	Lutheran Men
Sunday <i>August 23</i>	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday <i>August 25</i>	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Special Voting Primary

Those on our Prayer list below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick

Bill Aull

Gerald Bush (friend of Sandra Hughes family)

Greg Chapman

Jeannie Chapman

Virginia M. Cromer

Katie Doble

Jerry Hite

Dolores Hopkins

Steve Rucker

Herman & Elizabeth Shealy

Marie Shealy (National Health Care)