



**ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 23, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

***Parking Lot/Lawn Chair Service***

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

**Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

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 Jesus 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. **Amen.**

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8 (Contemporary English Version)**

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

Dear friends, God is good. So, I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. <sup>2</sup> Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

<sup>3</sup> I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you. <sup>4</sup> A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. <sup>5</sup> That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

<sup>6</sup> God has also given each of us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. <sup>7</sup> If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach. <sup>8</sup> If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders, we should do our best. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*Alleluia.* I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands. Alleluia**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

*A reading from Matthew:*

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and

whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Special Music** - *Autumn Pautsch & Laurie Hallmark-Gianitsos*

## Message

**“Humm” of the Day**      *Seek Ye First*

*A soloist will sing the song and the assembly is invited to hum along.*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek and you shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

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## Offering Message

### Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition concludes with “hear our prayer,” to which the assembly responds,  
“Your steadfast love endures forever.”*

## Lord’s Prayer

## SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Offering – August 16, 2020**

Current: \$1,250.00



*Please remember in prayer:*

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment or other circumstances.
  - Our voting members as they act on their responsibility to elect the next bishop on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - We also give thanks for Pastor Ken Schaub; as he celebrates the anniversary of his Ordination which took place on August 27, 1978 (42 years)
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### **SYNOD ASSEMBLY WILL BE STREAMED LIVE AUGUST 29!**

If you are not a voting member and would like to view the Synod Assembly and Bishop Election, you can watch it from the synod website or Youtube Live.

[www.scsw-elca.org/2020assembly](http://www.scsw-elca.org/2020assembly)  
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/SCSWELCA>

We start with worship at 8:30 and proceedings will run until approximately 3:30 pm.