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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed
in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's
sure and unfolding promise to mend
His creation through the life, death
and resurrection of His Son, Jesus
Christ, and in the power of the Holy
Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of
Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms
of Christian worship, fellowship and
service to others.

COME SHARE THE JOY!

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*"King David Penitent" from The Book of Hours
by Willem Vrelant (active 1454 - 1481)*

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR A)
AUGUST 16, 2026**



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude

You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Celebrate with us as we welcoming Leon & Diane Kern and Doug & Carol Agee as new members into our Joy family August 23rd at 10:30 a.m. If you are feeling called to join our congregation, please see Pastor Martin after service.
- Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th.
- Sunday school resumes September 20th at 9:30 a.m.
- A congregational potluck is scheduled after worship on Sunday, September 20th.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ “OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES” (Green P. 559)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long. Psalm 35:28

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Ralph E. Hudson, 1842-1901

Tune: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829; Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
The name of Je - sus charms our fears And
He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease, Sings mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free, His blood can make the
God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad The hon - ors of your name.
sin - ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

Pastor (P): “In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Congregation (C): Amen

(P): "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of 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."

(C): Amen

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.

KYRIE ~ (Green, P. 78)

(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**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.

All
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(P): Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(C): Amen

Please be seated

HOLY WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these 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." ⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

(P): The Word of the Lord

(C): Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,*

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth,*

your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;*

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing,*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For 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. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA"



THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL
Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.
(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

HOMILY FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S MERCY

- 1) Even Now There is a Remnant of Israel Which is Not Rejected (11:1-10)
- 2) Israel's "Stumble" Became the Salvation of the Gentiles (11:11-24)
- 3) Rejection is God's Way to Israel's Salvation (11:25-36)

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY" (Green, P. 290)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the richness of his grace. Ephesioan 1:7

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Tune: Early American

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And a prom - ised grace made good;
For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures of our mind;
'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus, It is some - thing more than all:

5 F B $\flat$ A m F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ A m F

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice Which is more than lib - er - ty.
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in his blood.
 And the heart of the e - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 Great - er good be - cause of e - vil, Larg - er mer - cy through the fall.

9 F A m C C A m B $\flat$ C

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his word:

13 F A m C F B $\flat$ A m F

There is no place where earth's fail - ings, Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.
 There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the head.
 And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.

Please Remain Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." **(C): And also with you.**

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Please stand as the gifts and offerings are brought forward

Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]

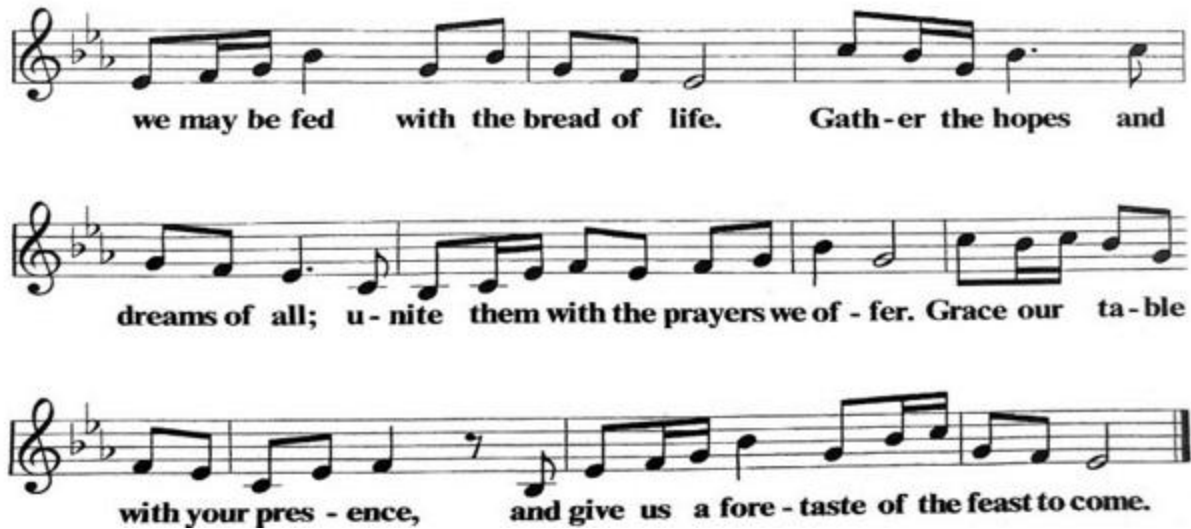
GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response*

Please stand.

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"





OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

(C): Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. (C): And also with you.

(P): Lift up your hearts. (C): We lift them up to the Lord.

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Please remain standing.

HOLY MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(P): Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(P): Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(P): Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

(C): Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

(P): Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(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

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): Amen

Please remain standing

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

(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): Amen

SENDING HYMN ~ "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" (*Green, P. 370*)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817

Tune: Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836



Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
We share each oth - er's woes, Each oth - er's
When we are called to part It gives us
Christ ian love; The fel - low ship of kin - dred
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each oth - er in
in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in
minds Is like to that a - bove.
one, Our com - forts and our cares.
flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, And hope to meet a - gain.

DISMISSAL

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	Inez Roach
Ushers:	Paul & Linda Manak
Altar Care:	Linda Manak
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Rhonda White
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music & Facebook Monitor:	Rhonda White
Hospitality:	Steve & Kay Orr
Offering Count Team:	Rhonda White & Sandra Lacroix
Altar Flowers:	Rhonda White in memory of her nephew, Michael