



Serving All for the Glory of God

“Great Faith”

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. See Matthew 4.23



Holy Eucharist

Liturgy: Book of Alternative Services

Hymns and Sung Responses: Common Praise & in Bulletin

The Reverend Bonnie Luft, Incumbent Priest
The Reverend Rob Petkau, Associate Priest

Welcome, friend! We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about our faith community, please fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee following the service.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 Marie W.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader. The word of the Lord. People. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 Led by Marie W.

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 133, which can be found in the bulletin. The congregational refrain is...
How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. **R**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R**

Together...

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32..... Marie W.

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. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader. The word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28 Reverend Bonnie Luft

Reader. The Lord be with you. **People.** And also with you.

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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." 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." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeller. This is the Gospel of Christ.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory: Though I may Speak with Bravest Fire

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,**

and have not love;
my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n
by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love
guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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RECEIVING COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer intinction please let the priest know. If you are gluten intolerant, please request a rice wafer from the priest. Those not receiving communion today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

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Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. **People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Sonata in B flat Major Domenico Cimarosa

“Flowers are given to the Glory of God.”

Please join us in the Cormack Hall for Refreshments.

Assisting Today: Director of Music: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Pianist: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Administrants: ChiChi Ezeaka, Liam Getty; Reader: Marie Woolsey; Intercessor: Liam Getty; Sound Tech: Peter Leigh; Chancel Guild: Cheryl Herle, Marie Woolsey; Sidespersons: Hal Anderson, Arnold Williams; Warden on Duty: Hal Anderson.
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