



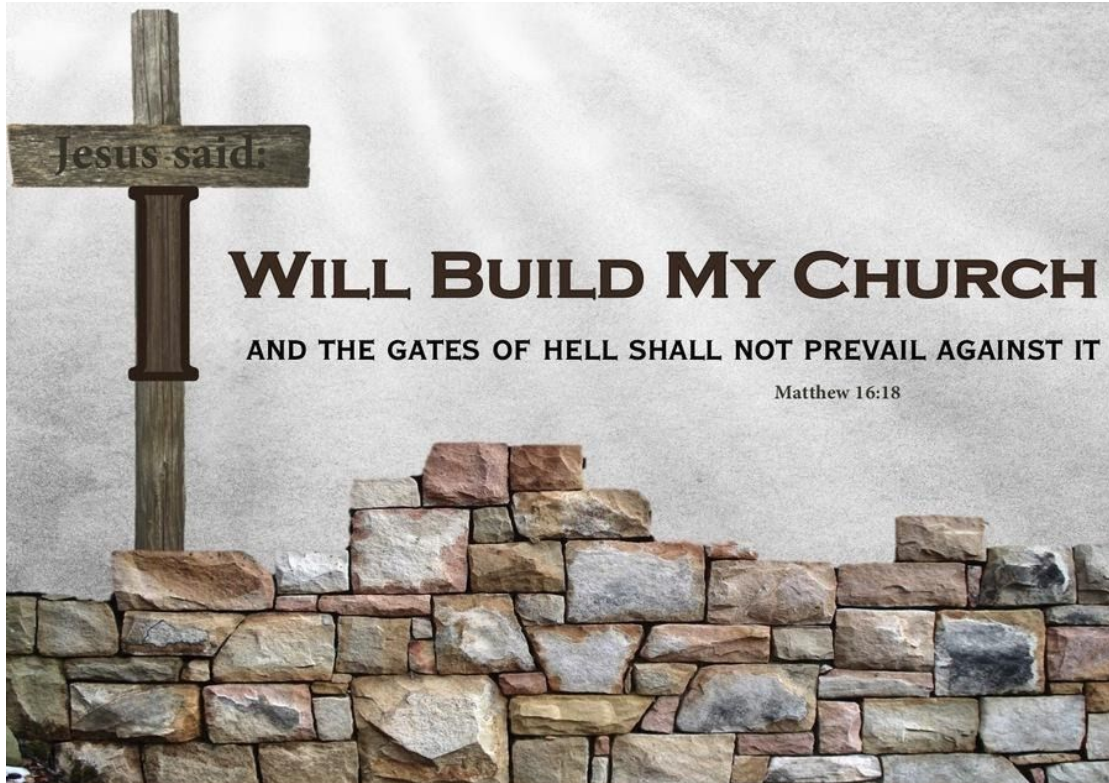
WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION – In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING **FROM HOME.**

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Please see our website for details.

OR Please prayerfully meditate on the service, even go through it with family, in person, or others online or on the phone! Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME

Our community gathers in unity with others in this virtual way.

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers aloud or silently.

Feel free to share them with others.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 138

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, with a whole heart; before anything we idolize or invest interest in, let us sing God's praise

ALL **Let us bow down toward God's holy temple and glorify God's name and word above all things!**

L O God, when we call on you, you answer with our increased strength.

ALL **Let all the rulers of the earth praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L When they see you caring for the lowly and judging the egotistical they will sing of your ways.

ALL **We praise you for in the midst of our troubles, your right hand saves.**

L You have created us O Lord, and designed us with purpose for Yourself.

ALL **Your steadfast love endures forever; and we trust you will not abandon the works of your hands.**

L With our whole heart, O Lord, we gather to give thanks to You!

ALL **We sing Your praises before all creation, and rejoice in Your steadfast love! Amen.**



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones; we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: “I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adap.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

All Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P May God's great love and peace be with you now and always.

All And you also.

READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Introduction - ust as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever,

R Word of God; Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Introduction - 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.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to You O Christ.

MESSAGE FOR ALL

“Ponder the Rock”

Pastor Dawn Roucka

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do we identify Jesus for ourselves? How does he hold claim on our lives?
- What if Jesus' question is not just one of identity, but about allegiance? What might it mean to claim Jesus as the Messiah, Son of the Living God in our context today?
- How are we TODAY building a community that glorifies/ illustrates/ demonstrates trust and hope in a Living God?



THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come 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.



OFFERING IS WELCOMED

PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.

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or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website.

OFFERING PRAYER

L On our own what we have to give doesn't amount to much
in the light of all you have given to us and in the face of so much need.
Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love
becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.
We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and
fishes, there is enough for all.

All Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Brothers and sisters, God is close to all who call on him; to all who pray with honesty and sincerity. So
come to this time of prayer with confidence and expectation, for God is among us, and hears our
prayers.

THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry and his staff.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

L Go now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for you.
 May God be merciful to us and bless us;
 may the light of God's face shine upon us, now and always.

All Amen.



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All Thanks be to God.

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ADDITIONAL WORD FOR THE DAY

These readings complete the set from the A cycle (with those listed above) of the weekly lectionary:

Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

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

²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong 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 na- | tions on earth. R

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

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

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

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

REAL NEWS TO USE DURING THESE TIMES

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Don't forget our Gathering For Grace meeting is taking place on Zoom following our service!

We also have a NEW ZOOM LINK for our weekly fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/94037562153?pwd=Z2hUcEZxSXY5clZqUkJkd3UxQT09>

Meeting ID: 940 3756 2153

Passcode: 036770

On Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 1pm, the Rebecca Circle will be hosting a "time in the park" to say farewell to our Circle member Cathy Gjerde, as she and her husband Ron head off to their new home in Tennessee. We will be meeting at the Elburn Forest Preserve in the pavilion.

Please bring your own chair. If you would like to join them, please call Jan Docherty at 630-292-3122 or Kathy Hooey at 630-341-2293.

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the Gospel

Community – Love
God, neighbor, & self

Everyone – we are all
God's children