

WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF TRUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a visitor card located on the welcome table.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE ~ “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

Claudia Abraham, Pianist

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***OPENING HYMN ~ “We Praise You, O God” #35**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Reclaim page 21**

***RESPONSIVE READING ~ Psalm 67:1-7**

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power 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 the nations upon earth.

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

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ~**

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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ “It Is Well with My Soul”

Miles Krumvieda ~ Violin solo

FIRST LESSON ~ Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

CHILDRENS’ SERMON

***GOSPEL HYMN ~ “Thy Word”**

***GOSPEL ~ Matthew 15:21-28**

SERMON ~ Pastor Jerry Merkouris

***SERMON HYMN ~ “I Speak Jesus”**

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***NICENE CREED ~ RECLAIM Page 27**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

OFFERING ~ “Lamb of God”

***OFFERING RESPONSE ~ “Sanctuary”**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Music ~ “Be Still My Soul” with “It Is Well with My Soul”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Give Thanks”

CLOSING HYMN ~ “Thine the Amen” #41 verses 1, 3 and 4

***BENEDICTION**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,

He will guide you into all the truth.

He will not speak on his own;

He will speak only what he hears,

And he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:13

August 16, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service