

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Dennis Guffey;

Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Dayton Tabbert; Acolyte: Garrett Flood; Book Bearer: Olliver Shoaf

Ushers: Jeff Alwardt, Ray Braasch, Mike Wolff

Ephphatha

Preservice Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude "Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet" Psalm 150:3 -Robert Lau

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Please stand

♪ **Versicles** (*Common*)

PSALMODY ♪

♪ **Antiphon** (*Trinity 9-13*)

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C: O come, let us wor-ship Him.

♪ **Venite** – "*O Come Let Us Sing*"

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Additional Psalm for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 146 (antiphon: v.8) (congregation responds with the words in bold)

⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.

¹Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³Put not your trust in | princes, *

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, *

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*

but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign for- | ever,*

your God, O Zion, to all generations. |

Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
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(Please be seated)

Office Hymn LSB #545 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

READINGS

Readings from Holy Scripture

P: A reading from Isaiah the twenty-ninth chapter.

Isaiah 29:17-24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,

and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: A reading from 2 Corinthians, the third chapter. *2 Corinthians 3:4-11*

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Remain seated)

P: A reading from St. Mark, the seventh chapter. *Mark 7:31-37*

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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C: Thanks be to God.

♪ **Responsory** (*Common*)

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Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37

Title: "*God is Good*"

Theme: **GOD HAS BAPTIZED YOU TO OPEN YOUR EARS
AND MOUTH FOR HIM WHO DOES ALL THINGS GOOD.**

CANTICLE

♪ **Te Deum** – *We Praise You, O God*

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Offering (*Ushers will pass the collection plates through the pews at this time to gather offerings; collection plates will also be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, so you may also place your gifts as you exit the building.*)

(please stand)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

(The congregation will stand and sing the first two stanzas of #781 as the offering is brought forward.)

PRAYERS

♪ **Kyrie**

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The Lord's Prayer

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♪ **Collects**

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Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

P: Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ *Amen*

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: *Amen*

Collect for Grace

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C: ♪ *Amen*

♪ **Benedicamus** - ♪ **Benediction**

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Closing Hymn LSB #517 *By All Your Saints in Warfare* stz. 1 & 3
(August Hymn of the Month)

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Postlude

Be Opened