



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 12

August 16, 2026

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book and are numbered at the top of each hymn. We will celebrate Holy Communion today – all are welcome, and directions are included after the invitation to the Table. If you have trouble coming forward, or need gluten free bread and wine, there are element cups near the door for you to use. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,
Blessed be God forever, Amen.

Called by the Holy Spirit and seeking God's abundant grace,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins.**
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #632, O GOD, OUR HELP

GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered as we join in our hearts.* The
prayer concludes: ... our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

THE FIRST LESSON is from Isaiah, the 56th chapter. (Isaiah 56:1, 6-8)

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance 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,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,

and hold 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.
⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence* +

PSALM 67 is read responsively.

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

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let 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 all the nations on earth.**

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

⁶**The 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. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING is from Romans, the 11th chapter. (Romans 11:1-2, 29-32)
[Paul writes:] ¹I 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. ^{2a}God has not
rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient
to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now
been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive

mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence, then, please stand, in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew, the 15th chapter. (Matthew 15:10-28)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting 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.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food 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, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia Repeats.
Please be seated.*

TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1062, BUILD A LONGER TABLE



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Empowered by the Spirit and trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us pray for a world in need.

*A brief silence. We offer our prayers for the church, our community, neighbors and nation. Each petition concludes: ‘...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**’. A time to offer our own petitions aloud or in silence follows the invitation ‘...for what else shall we pray’.*

The prayers conclude:

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Meal

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet one another in peace saying, “Peace be with you” or similar words.

Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY, AS WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God’s gifts and mercies. In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.



OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Musical notation for the Offertory Response, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creating God:

**The fields and forest, sea and sky are the work of your hands
and we are blessed by their bounty.**

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,

**and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God...

Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:
...as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

AGNUS DEI: O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God - come to the Table,
for all is now ready. **We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

Please be seated.

We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: 'The Body of Christ given for you' and "The Blood of Christ shed for you". The recipient may respond "Amen".

Those online are communed, then the musicians. The congregation follows by the organ side, then the pulpit side. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Host from Pastor. Then move towards the side aisle to receive the Wine by intinction, dipping the Host into the cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisle. Take your time – be in prayer, sing, pray as you come to the Table. The hymn during communion is ACS 981, All Who are Thirsty.

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

All who are thirst - y,

There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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When all have communed the Table is cleared. Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *a brief silence*

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated for Mission & Ministry Announcements.

Sending

Please stand in body or spirit at Pastor's invitation.

THE BENEDICTION

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

OUR SENDING SONG is hymn ELW #677, This Little Light of Mine

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE AUGUST WEB SITE is sponsored by Amy Zearfoss and Debbie Davis in loving memory of our beautiful mother Gail Zearfoss.

THE AUGUST BULLETINS are sponsored by Rick and Genya Hopf in thanksgiving for our many blessings and our prayers for those in war-torn countries.

GREETER:

LECTOR: Kim Campbell

FELLOWSHIP:

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Miles (H,R) and the family and friends of the Rev. Dr. Patricia Davenport as they mourn her death. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

GREETERS: We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There’s a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a week that’s convenient for you. Greeters are needed for any of the remaining Sundays in August.

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

LECTORS: Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS: You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

NO BIBLE STUDY during the month of August. Bible study will resume in September.

LET'S HELP CELEBRATE Carl and Bev Swope's 61st wedding anniversary on August 21st by sending a card! Their mailing address is P.O. Box 346, Danboro, PA 18916.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board...see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

DID YOU KNOW...Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and \$1,446.00 to date in 2026.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,600 in 2025 and \$2,000 to date in 2026.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of August we are collecting cereal and canned meats, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (fruit, juices, pasta and sauces, soup, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

TABOR HOME SUPPORT – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn, but sizes 4, 5 & 6 are preferred) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

The Week of August 16th at a Glance

Sun. 08/16 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period

Mon. 08/17 Happy Birthday, Alithia Battaglia!
Happy Birthday, Beth Kelly!
Happy Anniversary, Rick and Genya Hopf!

Wed. 08/19 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal

Thur. 08/20 7:00AM Morning Prayer, NO Bible Study
Happy Birthday, Rick Hopf!

Fri. 08/21 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, James Carper!
Happy Birthday, Deb Snyder!
Happy 61st Anniversary, Carl & Bev Swope!

Sat. 08/22 Happy Birthday, Izzy Kelly!

Sun. 08/23 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period
Happy Anniversary, Ken & Judy Nygard!