

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 28, 2022

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AS WE GATHER

Christians do good works most of the time without even thinking about it. That's because faith is an active, living, real thing. God's Word for this day is all about how God-given faith shows itself in a Christian's life—in one's attitude, relationships, words, and deeds. Those without faith, like many of the Pharisees in today's Gospel, consider "good works" only as a way to influence or manipulate other people and even God. Such good works are never really good at all but are tainted with sin, selfishness, and pride. True faith, on the other hand, is not even our work alone at all, but the work of God the Holy Spirit who, through the Word of God and His Holy Sacraments, instills and inspires in the Christian the mind of Christ, the faithfulness and righteousness of Jesus. Such faith also endures the cross and all sufferings related to living in the world still disfigured by deadly sin. In faith God equips you with "everything good that you may do His will" (Hebrews 13:21). Offer up the sacrifice of praise to God in thanksgiving for His gift of redemption through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15-16*

Opening Hymn - #907 "God Himself is Present"

Opening Versicles

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The Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 25:2-10

The Epistle Reading – Hebrews 13:1-17

Hymn - #845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Holy Gospel – Luke 14:1-14

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Catechism

Hymn - #685 "Let Us Ever walk with Jesus"

Sermon: "Faith at Work"

Text: The Epistle Reading (Hebrews 13)

Offering (The offerings previously collected are brought forward)

Prayers

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Closing Hymn – #837 "Lift High the Cross"