

12th Sunday after Pentecost — August 16, 2026

Prelude

Meditation on "Beecher"

arr. by Roger C. Wilson

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Apostolic Greeting

WOV Pg. 28

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gloria

WOV Pg. 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also, with you

L: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **P: Amen**

P: Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And 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—
⁷ these 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.
⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 67 (*chanted responsively*)

¹ May 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 a- | mong 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 all the na- | tions on earth.
⁵ Let 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.
⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I 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.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

WOV Pg. 31

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 15th Chapter. P: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just 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." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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Baptism of Bradley Tentoni

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Prayers

L: Trusting that Christ means to bless us, we ask for God's grace and healing for all.
Lord. in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all our Christian family throughout the world, especially those who are in need
of relief from suffering, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all our human family throughout the world, especially for those who stand in
need of God's protection or deliverance, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For our earthly home, the place where we live out our faith each day, that we may
find it a place of safety, nurture, and peace, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the newly baptized, especially today Bradley, that their lives may be filled with
joy in God's mercies, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For whatever you wish to raise now in speech or silence to our compassionate
Lord,....Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

L: And for any other needs, Lord, we seek your divine grace. Lord in your mercy,
P: Hear our prayer. Amen

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also, with you**

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received



Anthem

In Every Land Begin the Song

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In every land begin the song, let hallelujahs fill the air. Sing praise to whom all praise belongs, a song of joy declare. God's love all love excelling, God's love is ever sure. God's love is never failing, love transcending, in every land began the song. In every church begin the song, let hallelujahs fill the air. Sing praise to God with voices strong, your song of joy declare. God's love all love excelling, God's love is ever sure. God's love is never failing, love transcending, in every church begin the song. In every heart begin the song. Let hallelujahs fill the air. Sing out the truth and right the wrong; God's wondrous love declare. God's love all love excelling, God's love is ever true. God's love is never failing, love transcending, love excelling, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, everywhere begin the song!

Offertory Hymn

WOV Pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

WOV Pg. 36-40

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

WOV Pg. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Detroit

arr. by Kenneth T. Kosche, ASCAP

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

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L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Dismissal

WOV Pg. 41

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

P: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

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Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a list of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Charlotte Madia	Justin Wade & Family	Kyle W.
Casaundra Abeling	Audrey Marquard	The Videtto Family	Rowan
Roberta Alteri	Abigail Marine	Eveyln Walters	Stefan Nikola J
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens	Eric Marine	Sue Watkins	Janet E.
Michelle Ahrens	Richard Marine	James Weber	Wendy Fedor
Coni Aparo	Janis Martin	Diane Wright	Laurie Otis
Charlie Blakeslee	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Bruce Yauney	John Fleming
Kathy Ann Campbell	Michael Meyers	Clayton Young	Ethan Troy Danner
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Brigitte Mueller	Clarence & Priscilla	Fred Rabayta & family
Vinni Carey	Bob Murphy	Ed	Ryan English
Kathleen Wiley Kelly	Barbara Nalette	Jaiden	Mae Johnson
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Emily Decker	Tom O'Brien	Lou W.	Kiley Lombardo
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Diane Engle	Melissa Pilbin	Hagbard	Shannon Hilton
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Bruce & Liz Falls	Andi Craig	Pam Ewing	Terry
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Steven Fosbrook	Jean Schlapfer	Marci	Joyce Young & family
Bob Frantz	Sarah Seelye	Diane Tanner	The family & friends of
John Lewis	Lucille Videtto	Olive	Cecile Scheidel
Danise Hall	Paul Smith		
Renate Higgins	Sigrid Smitley		
Kathleen Hilton	Lori Sola		
Shaelynn Holmgren	Tom Sterling Sr.		
Bob Hauser	Ruth Ann Stone		
Rusty Judd	Patricia Switzer		
Marge Kiernan			
Marilyn Killingbeck			

OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above All Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beuis
Dominic Boscarino
Ethan & his Marine Unit
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit



Around the Church

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Event	Date	Time
Men's & Women's Breakfast	8/19	8:30 am
Worship & Music		
Committee (zoom)	8/20	6:00 pm
IT (zoom)	8/20	7:00 pm
Hilltop Parent's Orientation	8/26	6-8:00 pm
Toastmasters	8/26	7:00 pm
Next Concert		
Blue Rhythm Band, Sat. Aug. 29 th		5:30-7 pm
New Members Join	8/30	
New Members' Class	9/5	10-12 n

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$3,940
Shortfall	-\$2,350
YTD	-\$71,188

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Minimalist bulletin

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

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- Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.
- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.
- Sandra Heintz (a church member) is searching for someone to help walk her small rescue dog a few times a day while she is home convalescing from a fall. If interested, please contact her at (860) 489-7511.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
CALLING ALL KIDS!
 Bring your backpacks to church!
Blessing of the Backpacks
 Sunday, August 23, 2026
 during 10:00 am worship service
 Everyone is asked to bring in school supplies and backpacks to be donated to children in need.



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Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

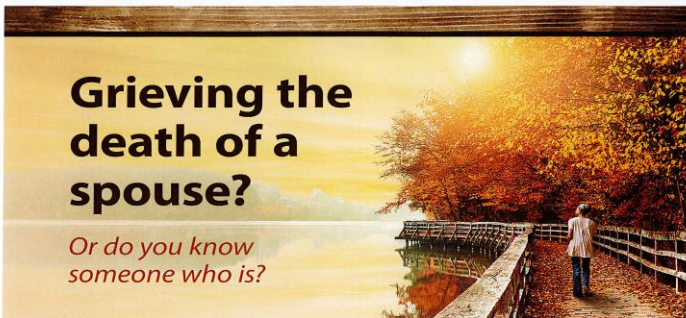
You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE
 Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

GRIEF SHARE

August 23, 2026, 3:00-5:00 PM
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 Register at: 860-482-6027
 or griefshare.org



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