

**\*Propers and Music for the  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Lectionary 22, Year C | August 31, 2025*

**PRELUDE** From “Toccata Nona” — Girolamo Frescobaldi  
(1583–1643)

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW 651 “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**READING** Proverbs 25:6–7a

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the presence of a monarch  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 112

*The psalm verses and response are sung by the assembly.*

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Light shines in the dark-ness for the up - right, the right-eous are  
mer - ci - ful and full of com - pas - sion.



- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed. **Response**
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlast- | ing remembrance. **Response**
- <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
- <sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. **Response**

**GOSPEL** Luke 14:1, 7–14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, your host may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your siblings or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor, crippled, lame, and blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *Gracious Moyo*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 716 “Lord of All Nations,  
Grant Me Grace”

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Gloria VI: Domine Deus — Antonio Vivaldi*  
(1678–1741); Translation: “Lord God, King of Heaven, God the  
Father Almighty.”; Anika Liv Christensen, *soprano*, & Imogene  
Stulken, *keyboard*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

ELW 462 “Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW 481 “Come to the Table”

## **SENDING HYMN** ELW 760 “O Christ the Same”

### **POSTLUDE** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” [SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE]: Verse 1 — Tune by Johann Crüger (1598–1662); setting by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

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### **SERVING TODAY**

*Presiding Minister and Preacher:* Gracious Moyo; *Assisting Minister:* David Hoglund;  
*Reader:* Laura Tracey; *Intercessor:* Helen Schwickrath; *Hospitality:* Chris Porter and  
Laura Tracey; *Musicians:* Anika Liv Christensen and Imogene Stulken

### **PRAYER LIST**

Cheri Agaskar—UniLu member; Matt Arnie—relative of Pastor Carrie Ballenger and Brittany Browning; Ellen Bartlett—sister of Gail Bucher; Family and friends mourning the death of Margrit Betke; Lorraine and Roland Blanchard—friends of Gail Bucher; Ed Bucher—UniLu member; Gail Bucher—UniLu member; Alice Conway—sister of Karin Kutrieb; Solveig Ericson—UniLu member; Bob Flannery—UniLu member; Barbara Frank—mother-in-law of Anne Howarth; George Gordon—UniLu member; Nancy Gould—UniLu member; David and Susie Hoglund and family mourning the death of Suzanne Hoglund; Charles Jaferian—grandson of Nancy Gould; Duncan McCoy Norton—son of Megan McCoy; Anne Minton—colleague of Imogene Stulken; The Ralston-Lamb family—UniLu members; Jeanette Searson—sister of Imogene Stulken; Judy Steele—sister of Phyllis Steele; Judee Tomlinson—aunt of Susan Worst; Julie Wilson—UniLu member

For our siblings at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge and their pastor, Robin Lutjohann.

For First Church Somerville and the Somerville Homeless Coalition as they face legal challenges.

For the community of Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, for those mourning the loss of loved ones, and for those who lament this violence with sighs too deep for words.

For our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, including the staff of Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives and all those for whom they provide care.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we remember the peoples of Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal.

For all who are seeking refuge, who are facing immigration challenges, who have been deported to homes that are not home, and who have been separated from their families.

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