

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, 31 August 2025

Zephaniah 3:15, 17 – God’s joy and Light

“The Lord has taken away your punishment. He has sent your enemies away. The King of Israel, the Lord himself, is with you! You don’t need to be afraid anymore... The Lord your God is with you. He is powerful to save you. He will be glad because of you. He will love you and sing happy songs about you.”

Romans 5:6–8 – God’s love poured out

“When we were too weak to help ourselves, Christ died for us. He gave his life for people who were against God. Very rarely will anyone die to help even a good person. But God has shown how much he loves us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Luke 15:8-10 – Parable of the lost coin

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”