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Service of the Word  
***Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost***

Sunday, August 16th, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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*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 the word we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing,  
and justice for those in need.***

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***In God's Service***

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**All Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Reconciling God,

**All we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.  
Amen.**

P Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

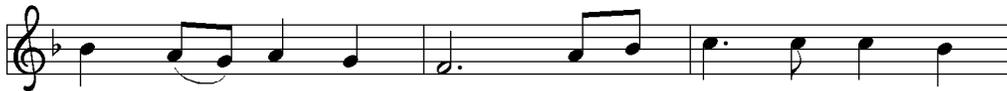
**All Amen.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## GREETING

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

**All** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD**

**Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8**

*A house of prayer for all peoples*

**Psalms 67**

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps 67:3)

**Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

*God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile*

**Matthew 15: [10-20], 21-28**

*The healing of the Canaanite's daughter*

## **FIRST READING**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

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

<sup>6</sup>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—

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Thus 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.**

## PSALM

Psalm 67 (read responsively):

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase;  
**God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from Romans:

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>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.” <sup>23</sup>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.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then 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 the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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## OFFERING

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

P God of goodness and growth,  
 all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
 By your Holy Spirit, your Living Word, Jesus Christ is read in Scriptures,  
 proclaimed in preaching, announced in forgiveness of sins and encountered  
 in the bodily presence of the Christian community.  
 All these signs we know and name as Your means of Grace.

**All Nourish us through all these gifts,  
 that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
 in our communities and in our world,  
 through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
 Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our worshipping community grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints (*especially*), join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING



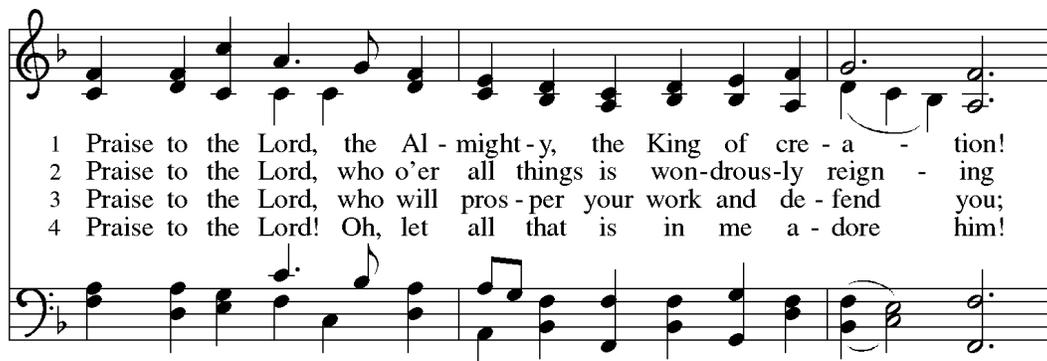
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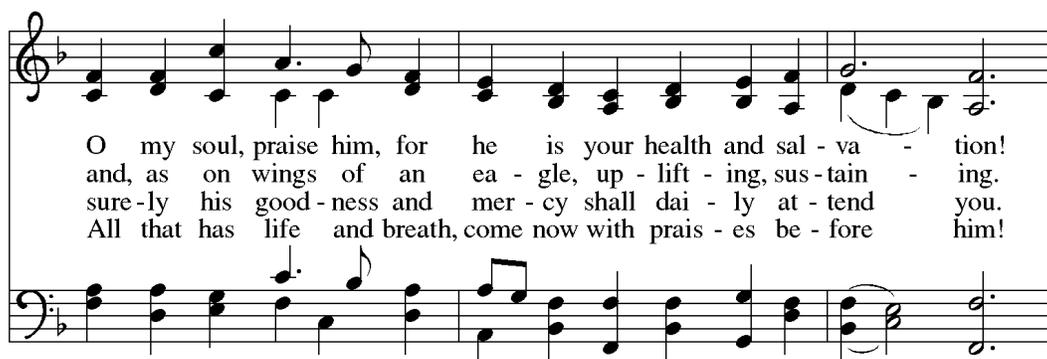
P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All Amen.



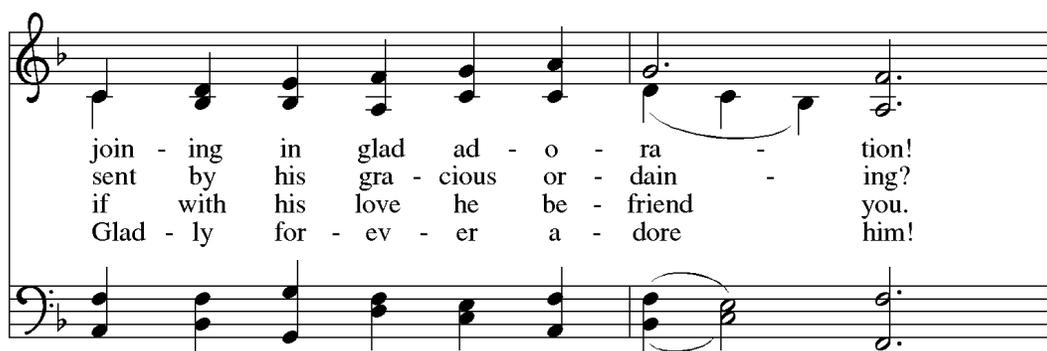
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

**Polka In The Park:** We will meet for worship at the East Park Bandshell on Sunday, August 30th at 9:00 am for our annual Polka Service.

### **School Kits for Lutheran World Relief:**

We will gather school supplies and/or monetary contributions towards school kits for one more week, until Sunday, August 23rd). Our greatest needs at this time are notebooks and crayons. Keep in mind the following:

- Supplies may be ordered online or through stores that have curbside pickup
- A donation container is at the worship service
- You can donate money, noting on the check that it's for LWR School Kits
- Contact Marilyn at 425-9048 if you need help getting supplies or if you need her to pick them up.

Your generosity throughout this project has been so appreciated!

### **A reminder:**

It is best to call the church office to be sure that someone is there to assist you before stopping in.

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