

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
August 16th, 2026 – 9:30 AM

WELCOME



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

✝ Preacher – The Reverend Bill Gaskill

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

In the Scripture we read "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 Jn 1:8-9) Therefore let us confess our sins. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we many times neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we often turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity; but we so easily grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: ELW#434 - Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer of the Day - 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. **Amen.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

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. The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God!**



Psalm 67

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 among 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, **f**

or you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations 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.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 15: 21 - 28; **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.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – More Than Crumbs

The Reverend Bill Gaskill

HYMN: Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for Heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine", Yet not I but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, Yet not I but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free". Yet not I but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ *We recognize all joining us virtually and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests.*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

For believers around the world who come to you, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they may heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For Zion, we seek Your divine wisdom and guidance in our search for a shepherd to lead us with humility, love, and grace. Lord, bless our search process, our call committee and open doors to reveal the right candidate to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(Additional Petitions may be offered.)

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive these gifts we offer. Grant that our whole lives may give you glory and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

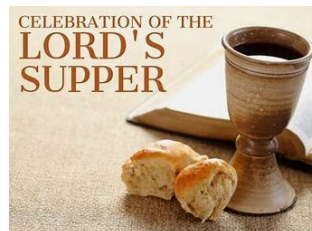
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray -

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.

Invitation to Communion – Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!



OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMN 1: CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

COMMUNION HYMN 2: Lord, I give my Life to You

Lord, I give my life to You.
At your feet I lay my burdens down.
Lord I place my weakness in the strength of your hand.
Father, work Your will in me.

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COMMUNION HYMN 3: Lord, Be Glorified

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today. | 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our song, Lord, be glorified today | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today. |

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Closing Prayer - Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Your Name is Jesus

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,
Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all!
King of kings and Lord of lords, creator of all things,
King of kings and Lord of lords, let all the nations sing...

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,
Your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus,
The Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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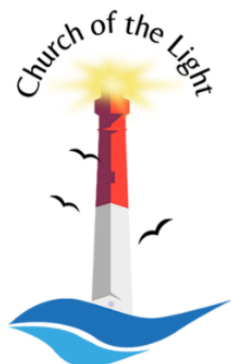
Song of Blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day,
As you trust God and walk in God's way.
May God's presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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Dismissal: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

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