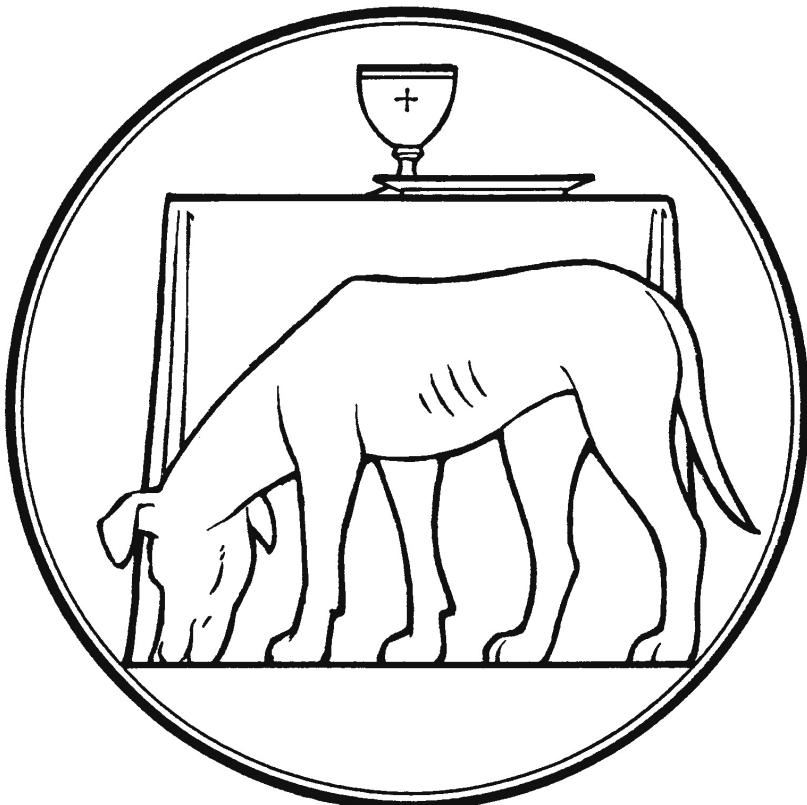


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Gracious Lord, I thank You for the crumbs which will fall from Your table and come to someone like me. May I ever be thankful for all You provide, whether in times of plenty or times of poverty. Strength -en my faith this day as I come seeking Your mercy anew. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

The woman we meet in today's Gospel had much sorrow in her life: her daughter was *severely oppressed* by a demon. What that oppression looked or sounded like we can only imagine. All she could do was find Jesus and cry out, "Lord, have mercy on me!" Parents know this feeling at times, a feeling of helplessness at the suffering of our children. Parents suffer just as much, but in a different way in this regard. Yet not all parents know what this Canaanite woman knew: only Jesus has the "crumbs" of mercy needed to bring healing in the midst of fear and sorrow.

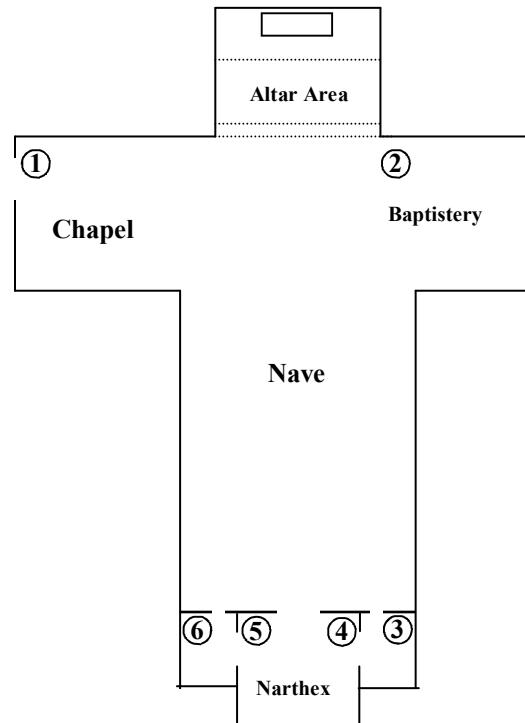
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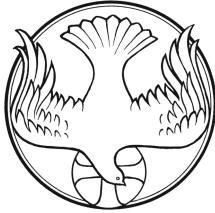
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Landis and Linda Holdorf, in honor of their grandchildren Landis and Jewell Holdorf's wedding anniversary on August 17.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Kyle and Betsy Utecht in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary.
- The sponsor charts for 2020 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church**. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDES

- "God Loved the World So That He Gave" ... Rotermund
"God, Whose Almighty Word" ... Culli & Weber

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

When the soul sees and is convinced that God, for Christ's sake, has overlooked his many sins, he is astonished that God should do this. He is amazed that God did not cast him out of his sight. Instead, the redeemed soul finds that with infinite wisdom God has delivered his soul from the power of the devil, dealt with his sins and brought his soul into fellowship with Himself.

~ John Owen,
Commun-
ion with
God,
A.D. 1657

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN "God, Whose Almighty Word"



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
△ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as

hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

 Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

APOSTOLIC GREETING and COLLECT

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness 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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their

Count it all joy, my brothers when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

~ James 1:3-5

sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

*“Lord, I am
not worthy to
have you
come under
my roof,
but only say
the word, and
my servant
will be
healed.”*

~ Matthew
8:8

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

C: **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: **The earth has brought forth her increase; may God our own God give us his blessing.**

L: May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

All: **Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen**

EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For 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. ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

L: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; |
he gathers the outcasts of 'Israel.*
He heals the brokenhearted and binds 'up their wounds.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*He satisfies the
longing soul,
and the hun-
gry soul He
fills with good
things.*

~ Psalm 107:9

*This great
faith puts all
hope in Jesus.
It believes
that Jesus can
and will help.
The woman
demonstrates
this faith by
looking for
Him, following Him, beg-
ging Him for
compassion
and continu-
ing to ask
even when it
seemed He
didn't care
about her.
That's the
way all genu-
ine faith in
Jesus works.*

~ Bo Giertz,
To Live
With
Christ,
A.D. 1974

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out 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 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread 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, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was con-
ceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he
rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the liv-
ing and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ✕ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

Congregaton: st. 1, 2, 5 & 6;

Vocalists: st. 3 & 4

1. When in the hour of deep need
2. Our com - fort then is this lone:
3. For you have made a prom - ise true
4. And so we come, O God, to - day,

We know not where to look for aid;
That we may meet be - fore your throne;
To par - don those who flee to you,
And all our woes be - fore you lay;

No help or coun - sel yet have brought;
For res - cue from our sor - ry lot.
Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo cate,
Per plexed by fears on ev - ry hand.

When days and nights of anx - ious thought
And cry to you, O faith ful God,
Through him whose name a lone is great
For sore - ly tried, cast down, stand,

5. Oh, from our sins hide not your face;
Absolve us through your boundless grace!
Be with us in our anguish still!
Free us at last from ev'ry ill!

6. So we with all our hearts each day
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word,
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

Being Christian is not simply a matter of having certain attitudes or dispositions. It is a matter of living according to a specific view of the world and maintaining allegiance to the practices of the community that seeks to live according to that vision of reality. Christians cannot therefore agree with everyone about everything. To be a creedal Christian means inevitably to be a controversialist.

~ Luke Timothy Johnson,
The Creed,
A.D. 2003

The unnamed woman's faith was not uninformed. She recognized her lack of standing. She did not think of herself more highly than she ought. She identified herself as a beggar—worse, a dog. She also recognized who she was talking to. Jesus was the master and He had bread (even if was just crumbs) to spare. Our faith is not uninformed, either. The Scriptures make it clear how we also are beggars and we have no standing before God...

SERMON

"Good Things Crumb to Those Who Wait"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

As the pastors prepare the altar for the Holy Supper, vocal or instrumental music provides a time for worshipers to prepare for the Holy Supper, offering thanks to God and asking for the blessing of His Holy Spirit. When the Offertory ends, please stand.

"Now the Silence"

Now the silence

Now the peace

Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling

Now the plea

Now the Father's arms in welcome

Now the hearing

Now the pow'r

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
 Now the body
 Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration
 Now the wedding
 Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
 Now
 Now
 Now

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,
C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of six eighth notes. Below the staff, the text "And also with you." is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with the letter "A" in "also" enclosed in a small square box.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of eight eighth notes. Below the staff, the text "We lift them to the Lord." is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with the letter "W" in "We" enclosed in a small square box.

...Furthermore, they tell us Jesus is still Lord, and He has even more to spare. So, we come to Him, like the woman came to Jesus, and continually cry out for mercy: "Lord, help me."

~ Peter Nafzger, Gospel Reflection (1517.org), A.D 2020

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

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

I have learned
in whatever
situation I am
to be content.
I know how to
be brought
low, and I
know how to
abound. In
any and every
circumstance,
I have learned
the secret of
facing plenty
and hunger,
abundance
and need. I
can do all
things
through him
who strengthens
me.

~ St. Paul to
the Philip-
pians
4:11-13,
60's A.D.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and
gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body,
which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and
when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink
of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as
often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: 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

ACCLAMATION

- P: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

The pastor will declare the words of Communion – "The body of Christ given for you, the blood of Christ shed for you" – once from the altar to limit close conversation during the Supper.

Because we are moving more steadily in this manner of communing as a continuous line, the choir will sing during Communion or the kantor will play hymns. We will return to more singing during Holy Communion in time.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The vocalists will sing the hymns.

The texts are printed for prayerful meditation.

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

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We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing –
You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

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The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come... Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.'

~ Matthew
22:2-3, 8-9

**Prayer as
You Go**
O Jesus,
blessed Lord,
to Thee my
heartfelt
thanks forever
be, Who has so
lovingly be-
stowed on me
Thy body and
They blood!
Break forth,
my soul for
joy and say:
What wealth is
come to me
this day! My
Savior dwells
within my
heart: How
blessed am I!
How good
Thou art!

~ LSB #632

Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **¶** give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ... Ore

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

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Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

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Violin: Mary Premeau

Lector: Jessica Ray

Radio Announcer: Paul Fandrey

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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