

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 15]

AUGUST 14, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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What parents would not cry out for help to someone who could save their sick or tormented children? Here, in the gospel reading, we see a mother who will not abandon her mission to find relief for her suffering daughter. She is persistent and unflinching in her request for Christ's healing.

In this Canaanite woman, the church finds an image of its mission. The world is filled with people who are tormented, sick, and oppressed. In the prayers, the church asks for God's healing in a world that is troubled and wounded. In the eucharistic meal, the church receives the strength to enter this world and bring comfort, healing, and justice to those in need.

August 14, 2005

8:30 am Worship

With Open Arms

Jesus' disciples were eager to send her away, this pesky Canaanite woman with the demon-possessed daughter. Even Jesus seemed to rebuff the woman's pleas that he heal her child: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." Her retort was immediate and sharp, however: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Finally, Jesus relented, marveling, "Woman, great is your faith!"

What thoughts and feelings go through your mind and heart when you come to God in prayer? Do you worry that your concern might be too insignificant, unworthy of the Almighty's attention? Do you wonder whether the one who created all life really has the power to change things? Are you afraid that the Holy One will find your request audacious or your words too clumsy? Do you feel sheepish, maybe even a bit nervy, about asking God for your heart's desire because it has been so long since the two of you last spoke?

Whatever reasons you suspect God might have for rejecting you, whatever doubts you carry about prayer, be assured that the giver of all good is ready to listen to you. God's rules about who may approach the awesome throne are not our rules. Those whom we would reject, the great physician welcomes. The prayers we ourselves might ignore are answered with as much care and compassion as those we count worthy of God's consideration.

We—all of us—can approach the Most High with confidence, certain that the Compassionate One will hear us, humble in the presence of our defender's power, grateful for Yahweh's justice and mercy, dazzled by the Righteous One's grace. God will receive you with open arms.

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** Stand if you are able.

SETTING ONE -- LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy God,

we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we want to do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God, save us from shame, and guide us in your way. Amen.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death so that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 400 LBW (green hymnal)

Thou Whose Almighty Word

** **GREETING** (spoken)

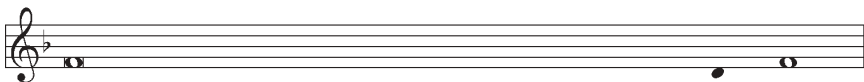
The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KRYIE** (sung)



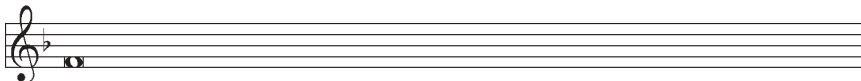
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



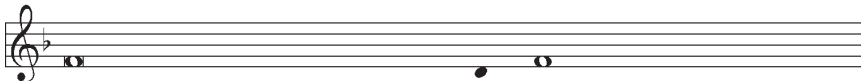
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



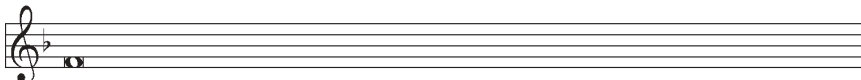
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



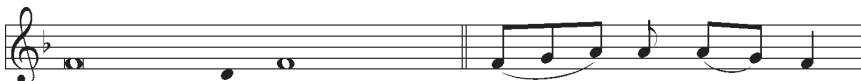
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☒ A - men

**** HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)**



☒ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☒ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

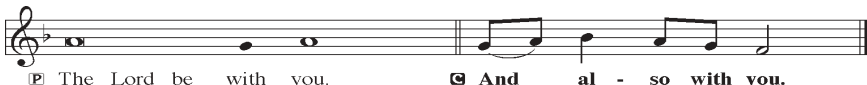


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**** THE SALUTATION (sung)**



☒ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

Whereas the Israelite community, defined by early legal traditions, was expected to live the righteous and obedient life, the prophet makes a new announcement: now righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community. In other words, commitment to the Lord makes a person a member of God's people—not race, nationality, or any other category.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

As a Jewish Christian, Paul is dismayed that other Jews have not believed in Jesus as their Messiah. In his letter to the Romans, he discusses whether these Jews remain the chosen people of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** ALLELUIA VERSE (sung)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

** HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

(The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.)

** OFFERTORY HYMN (sung)

Let the Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

** OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken)

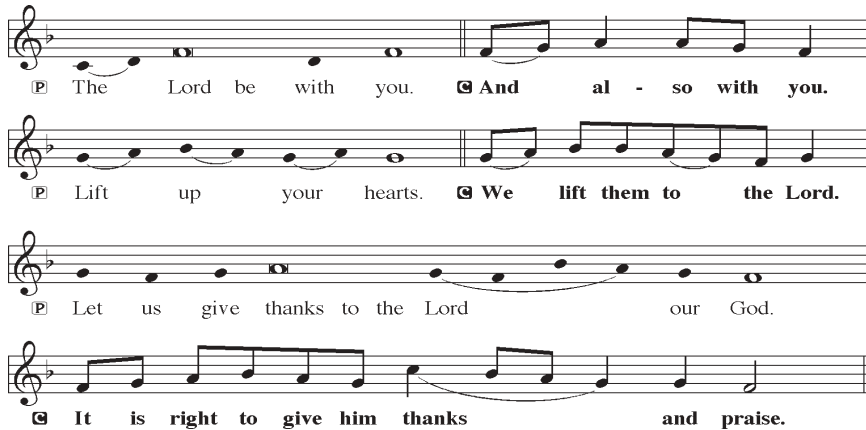
Let us pray.

God of sun and rain, farm and flower,

we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care.

Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung)**



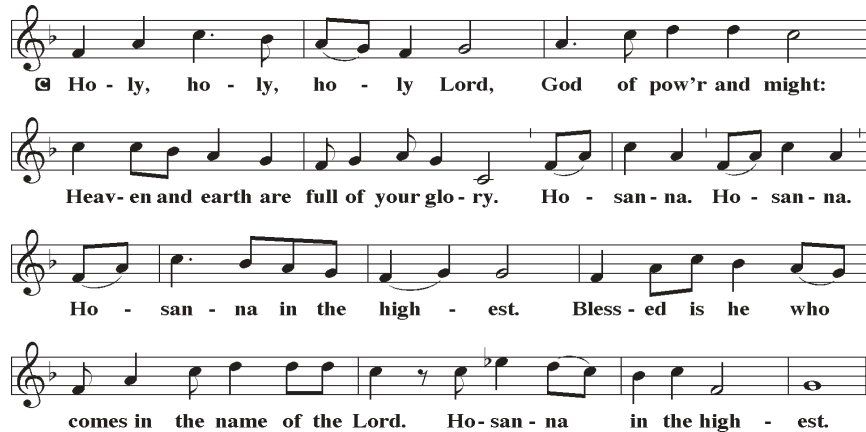
Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



☩ 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. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

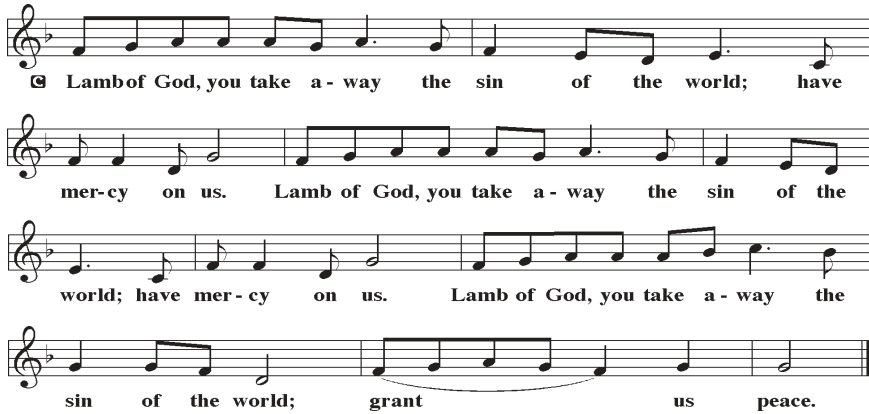
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**** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)**

Empowered by the Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung) (as communion assistants come forward)



☐ 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.

COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared around the altar.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

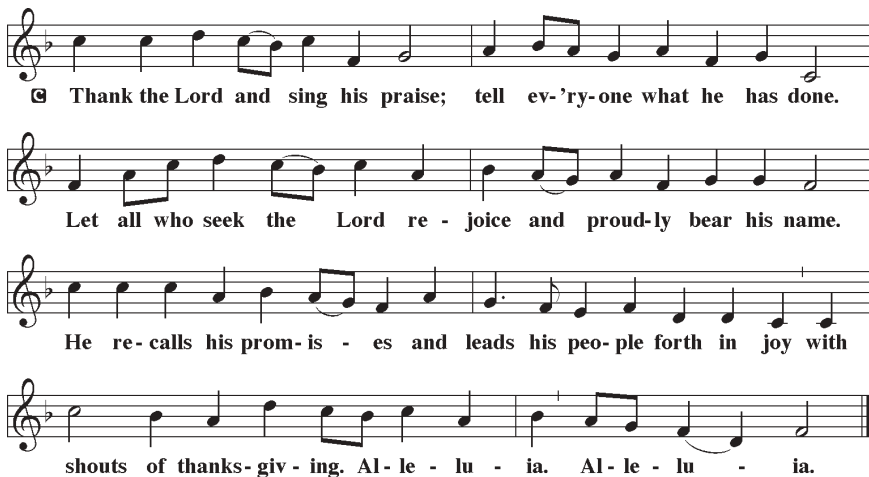
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748 WOV (blue hymnal)

*One Bread, One Body
Bind Us Together*

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (sung)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

**** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

Cultivate and nourish us, O God, that we may be good soil. Let the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, planted within us now, bring forth rich and beautiful fruit for the life of the world. In his name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (sung)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**** HYMN** 559 WOV (green hymnal)

Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**** DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

