

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)



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Readings and Sermon
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
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WELCOME

NOTE

Music Directors Matt Larson and Sonja Kahler are on vacation. In their absence, there will not be any music recorded for the podcast today or next Sunday.

Today's other readings are:

Psalm 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

READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And 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—⁷these 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. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

P The Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory 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 a religious outsider approaches him for help.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Walker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray together the prayer Our Savior taught us:

C **Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

(Please remember to send your offering via mail, online giving or by text. Our Text2Give number is 844-262-6943)

Today, we pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially; Barb Pitts, Karen Ward, Carolyn Boston, John LeSane, Levi, Julie Hamlin, Greg McAllister, Charlie Albert, the Carr family, Will Hovis, Pearl Apisson, Gillian Flory, Russell and Stephanie Thomas, Joan Tolbert, Stefanie Skurcenski, Barbara Hostage, Sue Ericsson, Russell Stevens, Glenn Ralph, Betty Mastrobattista, Richard, Carolyn Denison, Lois Leland, Bill Jackson, Grace Yin, Ralph Benson, Susan Russo, the Rademacher family, Matthew, Tony, Kingsley, Daniel, Eliza & Nicholas, Neal, the Williamson family, and all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

