

GATHERING
WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
Assisting Minister (*Assistant*): Anja Damazyn
Lector (*L*): Neil Nordquist



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

9:30am

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

PRELUDE

Alice Kubo

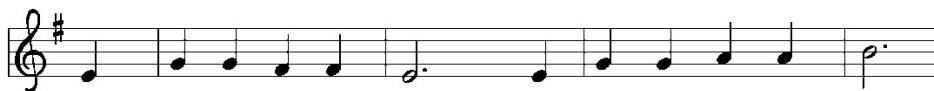
GATHERING

Greeting

Pastor: 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.

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Forgiveness

Pastor: *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.**

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: *Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.*

All: **Amen.**

WORD

Lector: *The first reading is Isaiah 35:4-7a*

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: *The second reading is James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17*

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

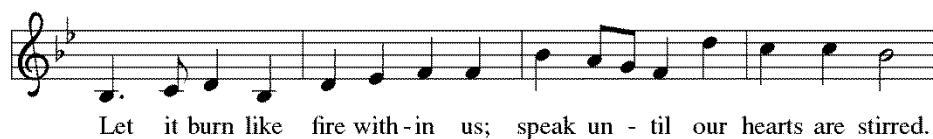
Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

All



Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Litany of Labor

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

All: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Assistant: Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

All: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

Assistant: By our labor, you enrich the world.

All: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

Assistant: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

All: By our labor, our families are made secure.

Assistant: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for dry cleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Assistant: For all those who work to bring peace out of hostility; to help, empower and inspire others; to build up the Reign of God, we give you thanks, O God, and say

All: Amen!

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with "Lord, in your mercy,"

the congregation responds "**hear our prayer.**"

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Peace

Pastor: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

MEAL

Offering our Gathered Lives

Please mail in your offerings or go to our website to use Tithe.Ly.

Assistant: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

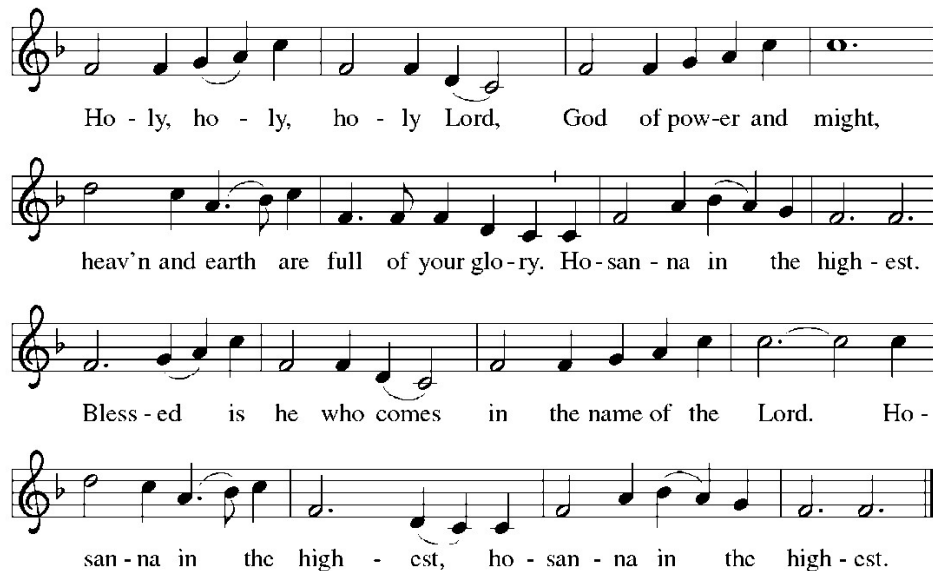
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All



Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

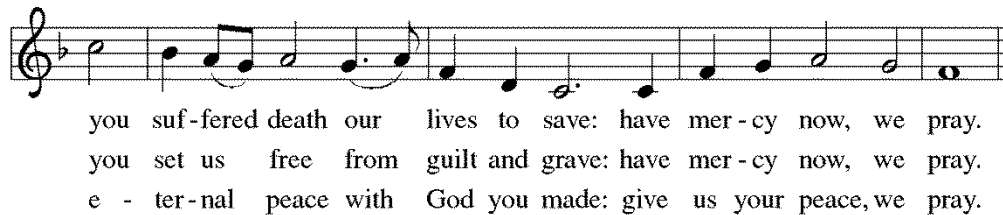
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Lamb of God



Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you always, and keep you in his Grace.

All: Amen.

Assistant: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

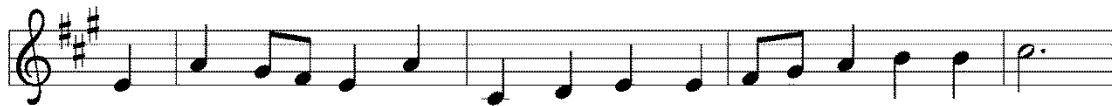
All: Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate



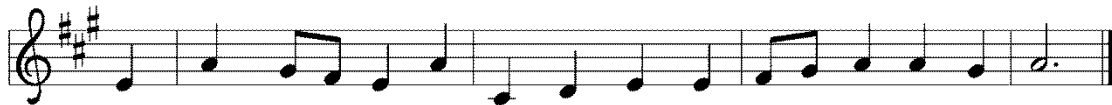
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Pastor: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Altar flowers are given by Kristin Robertson
 in celebration of granddaughter Ember's 6 month birthday.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Next Sunday, September 12 is the annual God's Work. Our Hands. day of service throughout the ELCA. On GWOH Sunday, folks are out and about doing service projects of various sorts. We at All Saints will be packing up quilts and kits for LWR, writing letters to our Senators and Representatives and writing Christmas cards for seniors in assisted living facilities. **Be sure to stay for these activities!**

Several God's Work. Our Hands. tee shirts have been ordered for newer folks who don't have them yet. We'll let you know when they arrive. Everyone else who has a shirt, plan to wear it to worship on GWOH Sunday!

SECOND MILE

Our ministry partner in the Second Mile Giving Program for the month of September is California Lutheran University (CLU). CLU has been providing Christian and Lutheran education since opening classes in 1961. CLU is pursuing a mission of educating leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation, and committed to service and justice. Please help us celebrate and support this important ministry at California Lutheran University.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

The full list of items needed for all the kit options is on page 7 of the July newsletter.

If you are planning to compile **school kits**, please let Mary Nordquist know how many so she can be working on the backpacks that will contain the items. Remember that we will be packing them up on *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday, September 12, so get shopping !

DONATION BARRELS

Don't forget the donation barrels in the narthex.

The small **blue one** is for socks for the homeless and the two **large barrels** are for non-perishable food items for the SF-Marin Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!