

Sunday, August 17, 2014
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “All Glory Be to God on High” #410 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our strength,
**we confess that we are captive to the power of sin
that dwells within us.**

We put ourselves first and others last.

**What we think will make us happy
leaves us longing for more.**

**Even when we want to do what is good,
we find ourselves doing the opposite.**

**Rescue us from death's grip on our lives,
and raise us up day by day,
that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Amen.

Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CHOIR

FIRST READING:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Psalm 67

Refrain: Let all the peoples praise you. (Ps. 67:3)

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

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

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own^l God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. **R: Let all the people praise you.**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 15: 21-28

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.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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." 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." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

HYMN:

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

#752 ELW

SERMON:

“She Had Great Faith”

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“One Bread, One Body”

#496 ELW

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Lord, your house is a house of prayer for all peoples, all outcasts, and all who love your name. Reach into our hearts and focus our attention on this central mission of your gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Embrace all of creation in your loving arms and show us a better way to care for your earth. Increase our understanding of the atmosphere and oceans, and help us protect endangered species. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You ask us to maintain justice and do what is right, that all nations know peace. Uphold those international organizations striving to work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Shine your face upon those in need of healing for bodies, minds, and spirits (*especially*). Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope as we humbly kneel before you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to the visitors among us, and to their gifts and questions. Fill them with your welcoming presence. Watch over those who are absent and bring them safely home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As you gather the faithful who have died into your eternal home, remind us of everything they have taught us in your name. Thank you for their presence among us (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil.

May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions.

May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: **“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”** **# 545 ELW**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Saturday Eve Pianist: Marilyn Samuelson
Sunday Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Ron & JoAnn Haglund
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Bev Ferdelman 10:00 a.m. Darrel Kelly
Lectors: 8:30 a.m. Carolyn Morris 10:00 a.m. Mary Kramer
Coffee Servers: Sunny & Eric Emerson, Marilyn & Warren Samuelson

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK

Attendance:

Saturday 8/09/2014 Attendance - 28

Sunday 8/10/2014 Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 78 10:00 a.m. - 38

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 17 THRU AUGUST 23, 2014

Sun Aug 17 8:30 am & 10:00 am /Communion
Mon Aug 18 9:00 a.m. Golf
 7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon
Tues Aug 19 8:30 -10:00 am Pastor’s Text Study
 9:00 a.m. Crafters
 5:30 p.m. Church Council
Wed Aug 20 Newslin Articles are Due!!
 8:00 a.m. WIC - Noon
 8:30 a.m. Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. WELCA
 9:30 a.m. Hardanger
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Choir
 7:00 p.m. Praise Team
Thurs Aug 21 8:00 a.m. R.O.M.E.O.S.
 12:30 p.m. Fun Timers
 6:00 p.m. Bells
Fri Aug 22 10:00 a.m. Bone Builders
Sat Aug 23 8:00 a.m. Veggie Stand
 5:00 a.m. Saturday Service

