



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

AUGUST 16, 2026



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Love Wins

by IU

/ Arr. Kcalmusic (Muscore)

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Pat Barrett

Verse 1

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus

Verse 2

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus / Bridge 2x

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence For Reflection

A: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

A: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



THE WORD

This Is The Day

This is the day (2x)
that the Lord Has made! (2x)
We will rejoice (2x)
and be glad in it! (2x)

This is the day that the Lord Has made!
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day (2x)
that the Lord has made!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A READING FROM **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.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

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,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

these 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.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

A RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

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

C: Let your way 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 on earth.

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

C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

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

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM

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.

[Paul writes:] 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 also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (ELW Setting IV)



THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 15:21-28

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 from that moment.

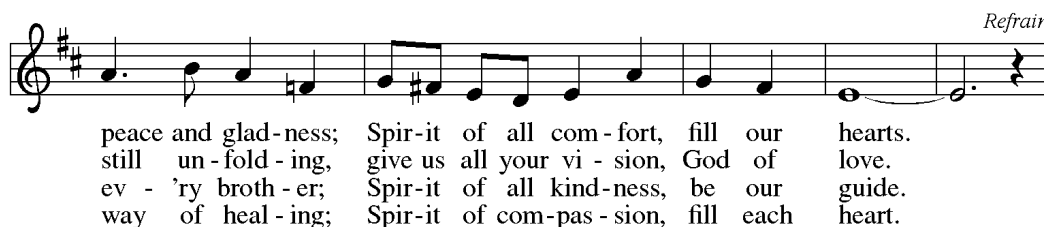
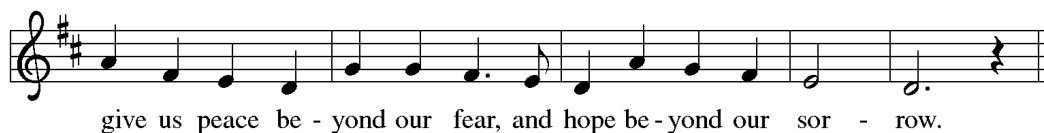
L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)



APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE GUATEMALA DELEGATION

(11:00)



THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Nearer, Still Nearer

Words and Music by Lelia N. Morris | Arr. Unknown

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

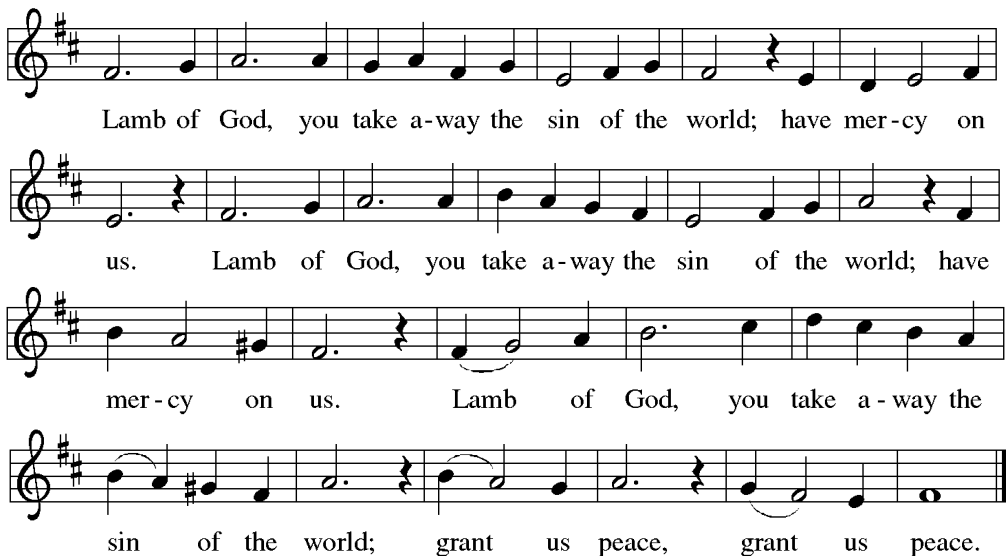
HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.



COMMUNION SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

William Henry Draper /Arrangement: Jason Wayne Houser

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Love the Lord

by Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With all your soul with all your mind

And with all your strength

(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind and with all my strength

(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)

I will praise You (I will praise You)

I will serve You (I will serve You)

I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul

With all your mind with all your strength

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With all your soul with all your mind

And with all your strength

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind with all my strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart

With all my soul with all my mind

And with all my strength

Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind with all my strength

(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart

With all my soul with all my mind

And with all my strength

(REPEAT 3X)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

C: I'm gonna let it shine!

A: We may not love to be challenged, but we know we need it. We need to be challenged to step out in faith and to live out our faith. How is God challenging you right now? This challenge may lead you to live out your faith in a more meaningful way. May we allow God to challenge us so that our faith grows. May we live out our faith in such a way that it reveals to everyone...

C: How much God loves them!

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE

If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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